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Why my thoughts are with England this weekend



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Be ready for protests, governors told

Judges back Howard over jail release

governors warned last night to prepared for protest demonstrations by angry inmates after two High Court judges ruled that Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, was correct in his decision to stop the early release of prisoners last week.

In an important test case, the judges threw out an application by a convicted burglar for a judicial review of his sentence. One of the judges described instructions to governors to take into account time spent on remand in custody for every consecutive sentence as an "absurdity".

The Home Secretary said that any further releases would remain suspended until the full judgment is published next week, and the Home Office made clear that all the 537 released inmates who had been serving sentences of 12 months or more had been let out on licence.

This means that their behaviour must be good, and if it is not they may be recalled to prison," a spokeswoman said. The dismissal of the case,

which was widely welcomed by both Tory and Labour MPs will come as a relief to the Government which was facing estimated compensation claims of between £500 million and £750 million pounds from prisoners who thought they should have been re-leased earlier.Mr Howard said he was delighted at the ruling from Lord Justice Simon Brown and Mr Justice Popplewell, although he would await the full judgment next week before taking fur-

John Naughton, 32, who failed in his legal challenge yesterday, is serving three years at Lindholme Prison near Doncaster for burglary and possession of cannabis. His lawyers argued that under guidelines sent to governors he was due for release on

December 24 last year. Mr Justice Popplewell said that under the guidelines, a man who has spent a year on remand in prison and was sentenced to a year in jail for ten offences consecutively would be released immediately, whereas his accomplice who was given bail would face

It appears it is an absurdity



Dickinson: disappointed with outcome of case

and not as Parliament intended. The public thinks he is going to get ten years and finds he walks out because he has served one year. He would have to be sentenced to 19 years to make his sentence compatible with his accom-

Peter Weatherby, for Naughton, acknowledged the anomaly but argued that the law as it stands supported the original instructions given to prison governors.

He said: "I am not arguing this is a perfect statute. My argument is that if there is unfairness in the present legislation, which there undoubtedly is, that can be taken into account by the sentencing iudge or by Parliament."

David Pannick QC, for the Home Secretary, said it would be surprising in the extreme if Parliament had intended for prisoners on remand to be better off than prisoners on

Naughton warted Mr Howard's intervention to be reversed and a declaration by the court that he should have been released on Christmas Eve last year. The prisoner served a total of 559 days on remand before being sentenced to two consecutive terms of 18 months. His lawyers argued that the time served on remand should under the guidelines have been deducted from both sen-

tences not just one. The judges said they would give the reasons for their decision next week. Mr Weatherby said that after the hearing he would consider an appeal to the House of Lords. Richard Tilt, Director-Gen-

conduct an inquiry into how the debacle over the early releases came about, but Mr Howard has made clear that his position is not in question.

After the case John Dickinson, Naughton's solicitor, said "I don't know what the reasons behind the decision are -we won't know until next week. You're never very pleased when you lose so I suppose you can say that I'm disappointed."

Terry Dicks, Tory MP for Hayes and Harlington, said the High Court decision vindicated his own view. Mr Dicks said he would now like Mr Howard to return to prison all those former inmates freed early before he stepped in to halt the releases.

"If the income tax man makes a mistake with your or my income tax one year and we pay too little, he comes back the next year and says 'although it was my mistake, you must pay the difference'."

Dame Jill Knight, MP for

Birmingham Edgbaston, did not call for the prisoners already freed to be returned to jail, but commented: "We must hope and pray that no-

Paul Cavadino, chairman of the Penal Affairs Consortium, gave a warning that tensions in prisons would increase if the decision was not overturned on appeal. Prisoners would feel especially frustrated because more than 500 fellow prisoners in the same position were released before the Home Secretary's intervention, he said.

"It would have been far better to seek a speedy court ruling before rather than after the release process began.

Paul Hewes from the Prison Officers Association and also secretary at Moorland Prison in South Yorkshire, also gave a warning that there would be trouble from prisoners. There had been a sit-down protest on the exercise yard when Mr Howard originally halted the releases last week, he said.

With today's ruling we expect there will be a bigger backlash because there is now no avenue left for them to take. They we tried a court challenge and they've failed," he told BBC Radio 4's PM proeral of the Prison Service, is to



Blair takes to The Street

By KATE ALDERSON

TONY BLAIR yesterday became the first Opposition leader to breach the portals of the Rovers Return when he was accorded the rare honour of a visit to Coronation Street to meet the cast and walk along its famous cobblestones.

He said it had been "marvellous" to visit one of the most famous streets in Britain and "fantastic" to go into the Rovers Return. The Labour leader was greeted with applause by the cast, who had broken off from filming, as he walked on to the inner set of the Rovers Return in the heart of the Granada Television

Studios in Manchester. Baroness Thatcher and Norma Major, the Prime Minister's wife, are the only other figures from the world of politics to have visited Coronation Street for the full "hehind-the-sœnes" tour of television's most popular pro-

gramme. Other famous visitors have included the Oueen and Duke of Edinburgh, Alfred Hitchcock and Dustin Hoffman. Virginia Bottomley headed North for the Granada



when somebody mentions Austin Müchell"

Studios soon after being made Heritage Secretary and Lord Archer was shown round in the early 1990s.

Mr Blair, whose visit lasted an hour, had a private chat with cast members before walking along the cobbles of Coronation Street. He was accompanied by the programme's most popular characters. Sarah Lancashire who plays Raquel Watts, Liz Dawn who plays Vera Duckworth, the landlady of the Rovers Return, and Bill Tarmy who

plays Jack, her husband. Mr Blair has a family link with the show. His father-inlaw, Tony Booth, the actor, married Pat Phoenix, an icon of Coronation Street, shortly before her death.

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Israel alert

Israeli police and troops were placed on high alert after Yassir Arafat called on Palestinians to defy military closure of the West Bank and join a mass pilgrimage to pray in Jerusalem Page 13



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Huge areas of England are battered by gales and rain

BY TIM JONES AND NICK NUTTAL

GALE-FORCE winds, mountainous seas and torrential rain brought chaos to a huge area of southern and eastern England yesterday. Four lifeboat crews and an RAF rescue helicopter braved ferocious conditions to rescue sailors being battered by 30ft waves in the North Sea.

The huge seas, whipped up by 55mph winds and accompanied by sheeting rain. brought a severe weather warning for East Anglia, Es-sex, Kent and parts of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.

On the north Norfolk coast, more than 4,000 campers were evacuated before dawn as waves threatened to breach sea defences. There were traffie accidents throughout the region as roads flooded. On the cross Channel ferries, passengers faced long waits as sailings were cancelled or delayed.

Thirty miles off the Suffolk coast, two adults and four children were transferred to safety from their 35ft yacht Red House Lugger after two lifeboats and a helicopter had responded to a mayday call. The yacht was towed into Harwich, Essex, after Bert Coleman, from the Lowestoft lifeboat, risked his life to board her to attach a tow.

Three of those rescued were picked up by the Aldeburgh lifeboat. An RAF rescue helicopter team from Wattisham. Suffolk, decided it was too dangerous to risk sending down a winchman and provided top cover until the

rescue was complete. Last night a local coastuard said the yacht, owned by the Little School at Buxton, near Norwich, which takes in disruptive children, should never have been at sea in the

prevailing conditions.

Higher than average tides forecast for the east coast this weekend could provide the first test of new flood-warning systems being introduced by the Environment Agency More than 14,000 people in high-risk areas are to get automatic warnings over the telephone as part of the new flood-alert measures. The high-tech warnings will give up to six hours notice of floods and their severity.

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Britain limbers up for new BSE conflict

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY, MICHAEL HORNSBY AND CHARLES BREMNER

MINISTERS are preparing for a new conflict with Europe over "mad cow" disease in the wake of fresh evidence sugnaturally in Britain within five

The Government moved last night to head off a threatened Tory backbench revolt by suggesting that ministers will reopen negotiations with European partners over the planned cull of more than 120,000 cattle.

Angela Browning, a junior agriculture minister, said that there was an urgent need to examine the culling policy in the light of the new research suggesting that the proposed slaughter might not be necessary. The research suggests that the disease may be eradi-

cated naturally by 2001. Mrs Browning seized on the findings, which support claims by farmers that a widescale cull is unnecessary. She said: "The information this [research] paper provides today does mean we need to take stock quite urgently of the implications of this new evidence as far as the policy is concerned. It would be foolish

to ignore it."

Her comments came as Tory backbenchers and farmers' leaders increased pressure on the Government to renego tiate the proposed cull that they claim is too widespread and will lead to the unneces sary deaths of thousands of Continued on page 2, coi 4

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Clinton's top strategist resigns over sex scandal

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN CHICAGO

PRESIDENT Clinton's seemingly effortless drive towards re-election was thrown dra-matically off course last night when his top strategist was forced to resign over a sex

The stunning departure of Dick Morris, the adviser who had engineered Mr Clinton's recent political resurrection, came just hours before the President was to accept his party's nomination at the Democrat convention.

It also came at the end of a week in which the party had portrayed itself as the champion of family values. The timing could not have been worse. The news wrecked the script of this minutely-choreographed convention, stunned delegates and left White House officials struggling to contain the damage

The New York Post precipitated the crisis by reporting that next week's edition of Star magazine, a supermarket tabloid, would reveal how Mr Morris, a 48-year-old married man, had had a year-long affair with a \$200-an-hour prostitute during his weekly visits to Washington.The newspaper further reported that Mr Morris had told the 37-year-old prostitute, Sherry Rowlands, White House

secrets during their meetings. He had held out the telephone so she could hear Mr Clinton talking to him and had shown her advance copies of Hillary Clinton's and Vice-President Al Gore's speeches to the convention. He referred to the President as "the monster", and to Mrs Clinton as "the twister" because she

stirred up trouble. Ms Rowlands is believed to have approached both The Wall Street Journal and the Chicago Tribune with her story. When both rejected it she went to Star magazine

which, during the 1992 campaign, had published claims by Gennifer Flowers, an Arkansas night club singer, that she was Mr Clinton's lover.

Ms Rowlands manoeuvered Mr Morris into a position where the Star could photograph them together. Because the magazine is not for sale until next Monday, it leaked the story to the Post to reach newsstands on what was sup-posed to be Mr Clinton's day of triumph.

Early yesterday White House aides confronted Mr Morris with the Post story at Chicago's Sheraton Hotel,



Dick Morris: Clinton's top campaign strategist

in a \$650-a-night suite. "We had to cut him loose," said one source. By midday Mr Morris was on a plane back to his Connecticut home and to his

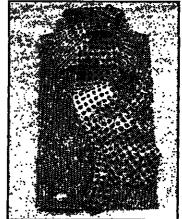
In an indignant statement Mr Morris called the report "yellow journalism" and said he refused to dignify it with a reply. He said he was resigning so he would not become a campaign issue, and had been deeply honoured to help the President recover from being "buried in a landslide".

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Time to look both ways, then get back on the road

TONY BLAIR has two related problems - one resulting from the latest stories about internal dissension and the other reflecting the signs of a pick-up in Tory support. At present, these problems are not serious, nor do they alter the expectation of the majority of the public, and the political class, that Labour will win the next election. But they require action from him if

they are not to get worse. The Blair honeymoon is definitely over, and the Tory recovery has begun. Both were bound to happen at some stage, given the heights to which new Labour soared after Mr

Blair's election as Labour leader two years ago. The only surprise is that these shifts have been so long delayed. The main press attention has been on the series of internal Labour rows, dating back to the arguments over the Shadow Cabinet elections and the subsequent reshuffle at the end of July, and continuing through the criticisms by Clare Short and the latest squalls of dissent this week from the sour Paul Flynn and the verbally undisciplined Austen Mitchell.

All can be dismissed in Mr Blair's words as "flotsam and jetsam" similar to those expressed last year. while none of the critics are major

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wingers in the Shadow Cabinet have kept quiet. But not only are some of the recent criticisms of the authoritarian style of Mr Blair's inner circle more widely shared within the parliamentary party, but the overall impact is to give the impression of disunity

That has reinforced the impact of the Tory counterattack against Labour, including the controversial "demonic" poster. The result has been a decline in Mr Blair's personal approval rating, measuring those satisfied/less dissatisfied with his performance as leader, from plus 19 points at the end of June, to plus 11 at

the end of July, to plus 9 now. The biggest shift against Mr Blair has occurred among professional and managerial groups, and among those who have deserted the Tories since the last election. This confirms the impression that the Tories are succeeding in rebuilding their pos-

ition among bedrock supporters.

The return of the "feel-good" factor is just as important. The MORI economic optimism index is, as reported in The Times yesterday. now positive for the first time in two years. In particular. Cls, whitecollar non-manual workers who make up more than a quarter of the electorate, are now clearly optimistic about the economy.

At present, Labour continues to enjoy a huge poll lead of 21 points. while most people still believe the party will win the election. The Tories have much further to recover than they achieved before their previous election victories, and their pick-up so far remains limited and patchy. But they have made a start, and most politicians expect the gap to narrow over the winter as living standards continue to rise.

Mr Blair's problem is not so much internal dissent, though some strategists look wistfully to the selftion in Chicago - what Jesse Jackson called the "Big Tent", or the broad church in British terminology. These rows, though irritating, should be containable.

What really matters is that since the launch of Labour's pre-manifesto two months ago, the party has appeared to be drifting with no clear message, as people become less hostile to the Tories. Mr Blair knows he has to define the nature of Labour's alternative more clearly. That is what he will attempt during his regional tours of the next few weeks. The real threat is not maverick critics, but the growing

sense of economic recovery.

NEWS IN BRICE

Cylinder may hold heart of the Bruce

A lead cylinder excavated yesterday from a shallow trench in the grounds of Melrose Abbey in the Borders may hold the embalmed heart of Scotland's most legendary king. Robert the Bruce, inside a further locket.

The cylinder has been taken to laboratories in Edinburgh to be examined under controlled conditions. Doreen Grove, of Historic Scotland, said that there was no proof the ancient casket contained the heart. It would not be opened. "We said originally we would not open any original container we found to see if the embalmed heart is inside

Heroin charge

A Briton has been charged with trafficking nearly 10lb of heroin in Thailand. Lee James Williams, 27, a barman from Camberley, Surrey, was held at Bangkok's Don Muang airport. Police said he denied knowledge of the drug found

Post strike on

Today's post strike went ahead as expected after talks between the Royal Mail and the Communication Workers Union ended without agreement last night. It was the seventh 24-hour stoppage in a dispute over a pay and work-ing practices package.

Gay kiss cut

A homosexual kiss between two characters in EastEnders was cut short last night on the orders of Michael Jackson, the new controller of BBC1. He decided the scene between Tony Hills and Simon Raymond should be screened for half a second, not two.

Stone's destiny

The question of where the Stone of Destiny should be housed on its return to Scotland, after 700 years, has been narrowed, according to Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secre-tary. to either Edinburgh Castle or Scone Palace, the stone's historic resting place.

IRA film praised

The family of Michael Collins, the IRA leader, has approved the new blockbuster film about his life, directed by Neil Jordan Michael Collins, an elderly nephew of the Cork man, said the film, which premieres in Venice tomorrow, was "powerfully strong".

Crest of wave

A man aged 50 has retaken the record for surfing the Severn bore. Dave Lawson, of Gloucester, surfed up river on the morning tide yesterday for 5.7 miles, a fifth of a mile longer than new record set by a friend, Steve King, earlier

Picture of hope

The gene responsible for a rare disease believed to have caused the artist Toulouse-Lautrec's deformities has been identified. It may help to treat more common diseases such as osteoporosis and some forms of arthritis, according to American scientists.

Boy killed

An li-year-old boy, Ben Coo-per, was killed and another boy seriously injured yesterday when an articulated lorry was in collision with a group of seven cyclists at Dudley. West Midlands. The other children, boys aged 12 to 14, suffered shock.

Herd instinct

Labour leader presses on with reforms in face of renewed criticism from inside party

Blair rallies activists in call to embrace change

By Jill Sherman, chief political correspondent, and Andrew Pierce

TONY BLAIR last night warned critics in his party to stop living in the past and to accept the need for policy

In a fighting performance in front of 800 party activists in Manchester, the Labour leader dismissed the latest broadside against his style of leadership. Sitting next to him was John Prescott, the deputy Labour leader, who recently articulated the fears of many in the audience over the pace of the reforms.

A party "that does not change and does not develop with the times" was not a proper fighting political force. Mr Blair said, Labour had to

make it back."

July 21: Diane Abbott, Labour NEC member,

criticised the leadership for trying to ensure

that Harriet Harman was re-elected to the

shadow cabinet. She claimed that "the whips

are telling people they can go on holiday early if they hand over their ballot paper. If

they stuff the ballot boxes, of course she'll

August 7. Clare Short, Labour's Overseas Development spokesman, said: "I have

thought for the first time over the past few

weeks that we could throw away victory. She

criticised Mr Blair's aides as the "forces of

darkness" and said: "Tony should be more of his principled self. He should talk more

about what we stand for and not be such a

August 15. John Prescott, Labour deputy

strong leader above us all."

adapt to a modern market economy and embrace radical changes after 17 years of Tory misrule. He was greeted with a standing ovation at the

meeting to give activists in the North West a chance to discuss the evolution of policy. But the biggest applause of the night came after an activist demanded to know why the Labour Party could not enter the general election with a commitment to raise taxes for high income earners. Mr Blair refused to hold out any prospect that income tax

would rise at the high end of

the scale. "We spend billions

on the welfare state. We are

spending billions on long-

QUOTES FROM A SUMMER OF DISSENT

term unemployment. It's time to stop spending money to keep them permanently on the dole," he said.

Mr Blair's trip to Wales and the North West was overshadowed by a renewed attack on his style of leadership in the New Statesman by Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Grimsby. Robin Cook, the Shadow Foreign Secretary, dismissed Mr Mitchell as a "serial maverick".

Mr Mitchell compared Labour's policy-making processes with those espoused by the late North Korean dictator. Kim II Sung. Describing himself as a "squashed hedgehog on the road to the manifesto,"

leader, warned Mr Blair that the party

should fight the next general election campaign on "ideas, principles and sub-

stance and not simply image."

August 28. Paul Flynn, Labour MP for

Newport West, criticised Labour's decision to

ditch traditional policies in the run-up to the

general election. "So much is disappearing

there is a danger that we may arrive in port

with an empty vessel. By forgetting Labour's

greatest achievements, we are throwing the

August 29. Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for

Great Grimsby, claimed that Labour back-

benchers' opinions were being ignored.

Tony pretends to listen. Then he gets on

with his real job of putting forward what he

treasure chest overboard."

Mr Mitchell argued that the party now had no input into policy-making. Conceding that allowing Mr Blair to run the party his way might be the only way Labour could win power, he warned him that old Labour might stir up trouble after the next election. But Mr Blair is determined that internal party wrangles will not detract from the promotion of the party's draft manifesto. which is to go out to ballot of the entire party membership in the autumn.

Responding to the article, Mr Blair said before the rally that although he did listen to criticism, the party had been right to change. He added that the country wanted strong leadership. But it also wants, above all else, politicians and political parties to be talking about them, to them."

Yesterday morning, Mr Mitchell claimed his article had been misinterpreted. What I was saying was that Tony Blair is a winner and in touch with the mood of the country. People like Tony Blair, and he is going to lead us to victory," he said on BBC Radio 4's Today programme. The more you please the rank and file of the party, the less you please the wider elector-

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Grimsby's serial maverick blots his copybook again

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IF THE House of Commons were a schoolroom, Austin Mitchell would be the naughty boy at the back of the class. Tousle-haired and with his kipper tie askew, he delights in heckling from the back row of the Labour benches, dishing out barbed comments to government ministers and his own colleagues with equal relish.

The 61-year-old Great Grimsby MP prides bimself on having the typically forth-right style of a York-

Poll puts

Labour as

election

favourite

By PETER RIDDELL

LABOUR remains the over-

whelming favourite to win the

next general election despite the latest recovery in Tory

support, according to the latest

The poll, undertaken last

weekend, asked people what they think will be the outcome

of the next election and what

they would prefer to be the result. The former question

has often turned out to be a

better predictor of the eventual

result than current voting

For instance, in December

1991, when Labour had a six-

point lead over the Tories, a

third of those questioned ex-

pected the Tories would have

an overall Commons majority. and only a quarter expected a

Labour majority.

the meteoric rise that many colleagues believe his talents merit. His quick wit is rarely tempered by concern for the

Beneath his jokey exterior. he gained an early reputation as an influential backbencher on economic issues after he was first elected in 1977. His initial campaign against the Common Market has developed into deep-rooted denunciation of all that comes out of Brussels, putting him increasingly at odds with the current Labour leadership. Mr Mitchell's support for the fishing comhis most outspoken tirades against Europe over the EU fisheries policy.

Mr Blair is not the first Labour leader to be dogged by him. In 1982 Michael Foot removed him as a party whip when he breached the Labour line by opposing the renewal of the Northern Ireland Terrorism Act, instead of abstaining. By 1989, Neil Kinnock had also to take punitive action against Mr Mitchell, by then a trade and industry spokesman, for working as a presenter for Sky TV. The move to Sky, however, launched a national

munity has provoked some of WHAT PEOPLE EXPECT.... General Election?

No overall majority No overall majority, Lib Dems share power Other/Don't know

....AND WHAT PEOPLE WANT

And what would you personally prefer to be the outcome? Overall majority of Labour MPs No overall majority, Lib No overall majority, Lib Dems share power with

Base: 892 British actults acced 18+ have switched to Labour since

the 1992 election. There is one slight note of caution for Labour. Even though 51 per cent of people say they now support Labour, just 40 per cent say they would

By a nearly two to one margin, 38 to 21 per cent, Liberal Democrat supporters say they would prefer their party to share power with Labour rather than the Tories if no party has an overall majority. Labour is also clearly ahead of the Tories on questions of which party has the best team of leaders, which has the best policies and which is most clear and united about what its policies should be.

Nevertheless, there appears to be more hostility to the Tories than enthusiasm for Labour. Just a third of the public believe Labour has the best leaders to deal with the country's problems, while less than two fifths think Labour has the best policies. ☐ MORI interviewed 896 adults between August 20 and 25 for these questions.

A farmer was protected from an enraged bull that had tossed him through the air when his herd of cows formed a protective ring around him. Donald Montram, 54, of Meidrim, Carmarthenshire, who had blacked out, said the cows saved his life.

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At present, by a margin of two and half to one, 46 to 18 per cent, people expect a Labour rather than a Tory overall majority after the next election. Indeed, almost as many Tory supporters, 31 per cent, expect Labour to win an overall majority as expect their own party to do so, 34 per cent. Three fifths of those who have deserted the Tories since the last election believe Labour will win an overall Commons majority, as do more than two thirds of those who Continued from page |

There's a great deal going on

Britain prepares for new BSE row

uninfected cattle. Euro-sceptic MPs have warned ministers that they will oppose plans for the cull which have to be debated

when MPs return from the summer recess in October. John Biffen claimed that he would not vote for the current "needless" selective slaughter policy and called for the Government to change its cattle cull scheme in the light of new evidence that BSE will

die out naturally by 2001. Mr Biffen, speaking on BBC Radio 4's World at One. backbench unease over a cull

based not on scientific advice, but on public sentiment.

Mrs Browning moved to allay Euro-sceptic anger by saying: "I think we need to look at what has been a very useful, valuable piece of research, analyse it . . . and then we need to take that information [to Europe]. We will obviously want to reopen discussions with our European partners and Commission."

However, on the Continent the latest findings, combined with last month's evidence on cow-to-calf transmission of BSE, were seen as handing ammunition to Germany and

other EU states which are intent on revising the plan for easing the beef ban which was agreed in Florence last June. Officials in Brussels inter-

preted the research by scientists at Oxford University's 200logy department as offering reasons for extending the selective cull already agreed with the British Government.
The finding that about 700,000 cattle incubating BSE had probably entered the food chain by the end of 1995 was considered to confirm that Britain had mishandled the epidemic and that British beef should be readmitted only when the disease had been

Gerard Kiely, spokesman for the Commission's farm directorate, said it was most unlikely that the EU would consider reducing the culi, as suggested by British farmers. We agreed [the cull] following detailed scientific analysis using a methodology which would take out the maximum number of BSE cases pos-sible," he said. "I think it would be very difficult to sell to the European Commission a programme which would involve the elimination of few-

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Couple who kissed in glossy pages of Hello! say their goodbyes in court

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THE marriage of Will and Julia Carling has ended in divorce, it emerged yesterday, just 24 hours after Diana, Princess of Wales became a single woman.

Mrs Carling, a television presenter who continues to use her married name for work, blamed her husband's friendship with the Princess for their marriage problems. But Mr Carling always insisted that their relationship was entirely innocent. The Princess, who was granted a decree absolute on Wednesday, was not named in the Carlings'

Under the terms of the settlement, Mrs Carling received their £220,000 home in Putney, southwest London, which has now been sold. Her ex-husband, the former England rugby captain who runs his own management training company, is renting a house in

The marriage, which began in July 1994 with a glossy spread in the pages of Hello! magazine, ended in a divorce court in Guildford, Surrey, earlier this month. Mrs Carling, 30, the daughter of a Northamptonshire accountant, brought the action, claiming that the marriage had



A wedding day kiss at Castle Ashby in 1994

irretrievably broken down. "A financial agreement has been reached and the marriage is now over. It's all been quite amicable," said Hugh Young.

Mr Carling's solicitor. The decree absolute has been issued and Julia has sold the house in Putney. It was a short marriage which sadly did not work, but they are both happy with the settlement," he

Mrs Carling recently ap-peared on Channel 4's Big Breakfast dressed in surgical clothes to mimic the Princess, who was filmed watching an operation at Harefield Hospital, west London. Mrs Carling copied the Princess's heavy eye make-up and blonde hair

The Press Complaints Comnission ruled in January that Mrs Carling had forfeited her right to privacy over the breakup of her marriage when she willingly co-operated with

Mrs Carling has found a new romance with Rob Sting-er, who runs Epic Records and is known in the record indus-try as a high flier. She is the host of Carlton TV's Capital

Mr Carling is now said to be enjoying a romance with Ali. the sister of footballer Garry Lineker's wife, Michelle. He is no longer in close touch with the Princess and runs motivational management courses from Chelsea, west London.

Last August a "friend" of the Carlings told a tabloid newspaper how Mrs Carling had confronted her husband over telephone bills showing calls to the Princess's private line. Her husband, it was said, had broken down and confessed.

The couple presented a uni-ted front and Mrs Carling told reporters: "Diana picked the wrong couple to do it with this time because we can only get stronger."

Diary, page 18



The couple put on a united front last year after newspaper reports linked Carling to the Princess. Julia Carling said at the time that they would only get stronger

Norfolk police check files on child sex crimes

POLICE searching for Jodi and Tom Loughlin, who disappeared from a Norfolk beach, are to interview known child sex offenders.

Fears are growing that the children might have been abducted as it emerged yesterday that an 11-year-old girl narrowly escaped being snatched by a man in a white van near the Norfolk village of Diss, about 60 miles away, on Monday. Although detectives say they have no reason to link the two incidents, they have yet to trace two unknown couples who were seen approaching other youngsters near the spot where Jodi and Tom disappeared 12 days ago.

For six days, officers had understood that the family had been near golf links at Holme next the Sea when the excited children rushed off, on August 18. It was not until last Friday that Mr Loughlin was calm enough to pinpoint that they had been half a mile away, close to Gore Point.

Police are logging information, by computer, and crossreferencing it to details of known sex offenders who could be relevant to the Hunstanton inquiry. Sergeant Peter Thompson, of Norfolk Police, said yesterday: "We have had a HOLMES computer installed two days ago; it stands for Home Office Large and Major Enquiry System. It ing, not only with other misswith any intelligence that may be relevant concerning previous offenders - not only in this force but other forces

across the country."
Police had received 1,000 calls from the public offering possible leads. Sgt Thompson said: "We have said right from day one that there are three options as to what may have happened to Jodi and Tom foul play, lost on land, or swept out to sea. We are doing all we can to investigate all those eventualities most thor-



oughly." PC Mel Lacey added that files on abduction attempts and child sex offenders were being consulted. He said: We are checking the files of incidents in the area that may be relevant."

Tom and Jodi's parents were being questioned yester-day by police officers using a method called cognitive questioning, in which the two are questioned separately, going over minute details of the day

Teenagers burn down old school over three nights

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

TEENAGE arsonists burnt down a comprehensive school in a series of attacks over three nights before it could be converted into a health centre for their run-down estate. Stone-throwing groups confronted security guards and fire-fighters as the former Merrywood Girls' School on the Knowle West estate in

Firemen were called to the school seven times as the gangs ran riot over the Bank Holiday weekend. The art block was destroyed on Friday, followed by several classrooms over the weekend, and early on Wednesday more than 30 firemen fought a losing battle as the gymnasium went up in flames. As fire crews cleaned up, council officials and community lead-gs condemned "mindless yobs" who wreaked havoc during the summer holiday.

Residents of estate spoke yesterday of their anger and frustration at gangs of bored teenagers who ruled the area through fear. Many residents were frightened to venture out after dark, claiming the gangs were beyond the reach of their parents, police and social

One resident, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisals, said: "The youngsters are out of control and their parents don't care. We have got 12-year-old children nicking cars. The police chase them and catch them, then drag them off to the police station, but all they do is tell them off and then let them go again. The kids then come

security guards. Station Officer Geoff Cater of Avon Fire Brigade said: "Seven fires in three or four days is unbelievable. We have had 100 or more fire-fighters Friday. Actions like these put their lives at risk."

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The building, now a smouldering ruin, closed last summer when the school merged with a nearby boys school. Security guards were employed to watch the two-storey building after a series of break-ins, pending its redevelopment as a health centre. Structural engineers will assess how much of the redbrick site can be salvaged. However, the council intends to press ahead with its plan for a health centre.

A spokesman for Avon and Somerset police said that all cities had problems with young people during the school holidays and added: "We would urge parents to try and be aware of where their children are, especially late at

Local authorities estimate that arson and burglary in schools now cost more than £300 million a year, with one school in eight suffering damage each year. This summer alone, more than E3 million of damage has been caused in 20 schools in Northern Ireland. day hearing continues today.

Matron is accused of terrorising boarders

A MATRON at a private boarding school whose former charges include Tim terrorised the pupils, an industrial tribunal was told

Mary Denness even refused to help a badly injured pupil in need of urgent medical attention, it was claimed. The Croydon tribu-Denness. 59, was eventually sacked by Reed's School, a charitable foundation at Cob-

ham, Surrey. A housemaster at the school, Paul Kemp, said that Mrs Denness taunted one boy about not having a girlfriend. During cross-examination he told Mrs Denness There were numerous occasions when pupils complained of your aggressive behaviour."

Mr Kemp said that the matron interrupted him while he was remonstrating with a pupil because his bed was untidy. He said: "She came in. stripped his bed and threw it all on the floor."

The music teacher at the school. Graham Herman, said Mrs Denness had refused to help a sixthformer when his head was bleeding. He said she was "quite irrational" and he often heard her "read the riot act".

Mrs Denness, from Goxbill, south Humberside, is claiming she was hounded out of her job in a conspiracy because of her sex. The two-

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Nun whose sacking split teachers wins her case letter to Father Hetherton, but

By JOHN O'LEARY

A NUN who lost her job as a primary school head teacher after a dispute with her chairman of governors, the local parish priest, won her case for unfair dismissal yesterday. Sister Clotilde Stephens

took the governors of St Bartholomew's Roman Catholic Primary School in Swanley, Kent, to an industrial tribunal after she was forced to resign a year ago. Her resignation split parents and staff into bitterly divided camps, the tribunal in Ashford was told. The dispute became so heated that police had to be called to one demonstration. Some parents campaigning to have Sister Clotilde reinstated claimed that they were threatened with IRA-style "knee-cappings".
The school's head teacher of

Sister Clotilde said that the

removal of financial control by

13 years returned from holiday last summer to find that the governing body, chaired by Father Seamus Hetherton. had met in secret to strip her of all financial responsibilities. or even textbooks.



Sister Clotilde: stripped of financial control

governors in her absence made her job impossible. She said she had been given no inkling of the impending power struggle before her holiday. The changes at the 315-pupil grant-maintained school meant that she could not pay for minor repairs in the school

later asked to withdraw it. Father Hetherton refused and won the backing of governors to accept her resignation. She broke down in tears as she told the tribunal of her

letter to Father Hetherton. She

had written to him that it would be impossible for her to carry out her role. Father Hetherton said that the changes at the meeting were not final decisions. His

counsel, Alan Green, argued that Sister Clotilde had overreacted and had been an autocratic head teacher. He said that members of the management committee were worried that Sister Clotilde could sign cheques herself up to the value of £5,000 and were also concerned that £9,500 had been allocated for a new school playground without

them being consulted. Valerie Cooney, who chaired the tribunal, said it found that "a reasonable emplayer would have discussed the applicant's concerns with her objectively before con-Sister Clotilde offered her resignation in a hard-hitting structively dismissing her."

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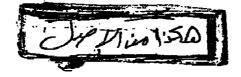
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Two Sudanese hostages apply for asylum in Britain as police get extension to hijackers' custody order

I'm no hero, I'm a lucky guy, says hijack plane pilot

THE pilot of the hijacked Sudan Airways jet, preparing to fly the freed Sudanese hostages home after their three-day ordeal, insisted yes-

terday that he was no hero. At the same time it emerged that two of the Sudanese passengers had asked for asylum in Britain while being interviewed by police about the hijack. They were de-tached from the 169 other passengers from Flight SUDI50 and were being held separately after being handed over to immigration officials.

Captain Abdul Hamid Hidirbi, who had calmed passengers and their Iraqi captors before landing safely at Stansted airport on Monday, told a news conference yesterday: "I am not a hero . . . I am a lucky guy." The pilot, who phad been debriefed by police over 40 hours, was appearing

with Detective Chief Inspector Winston Bernard, the principal negotiator with whom he had kept in radio contact.

Captain Hidirbi, 51, said: "1 am just a normal pilot. We have been trained to remain calm and cool the situation to try to gain the trust of the hijackers. That is the game."

He said he had been alerted by crew members after a commotion in the cabin but would not comment on the takeover of the aircraft in which two stewardesses were snatched, one from the cockpit. Nor would he speak about the seven Iraqi hijackers who took control of the aircraft, about 100 minutes into the flight, while the plane was in Egyptian airspace.

The hijackers were being interrogated by detectives at Harlow, Essex, after police received a custody extension

from magistrates. Six female relatives who had been on board were released without charge into the custody of immigration officers. The hijackers are seeking asylum after taking control of the flight

from Khartoum to Amman while fleeing the Iraqi regime. Captain Hidirbi, married with two daughters and three sons, said: "I ordered my crew and passengers to sit down, and that they did. As for the passengers, you can imagine what state they were in with all the shouting around them. "I didn't have time to feel

and children, and I had plenty of sick people on board who were going to Jordan for "You undergo stress and

frightened for myself, I was only worried for the women Detective Chief Inspector Bernard, right, with Captain Hidirbi, of Sudan Airways, yesterday. The pilot had been very brave. Mr Bernard said afterwards when it was all over." The captain, who joined Sudan Airways in 1969, said that he was looking forward to seeing his family in Khartoum and perhaps taking a holiday.

flown into Stansted before and upon making the Airbus 310 had had no charts. But he made a normal approach and ish authorities' handling of the

safe, was to discover that, like him, the police negotiator was

Mr Bernard, who was sit-

job. He was obviously behaving in a very brave manner."
The Home Office said two

Sudanese nationals had sought leave to enter the country: it was not envisaged

decided upon immediately. It is understood they are individuals who had taken the unexpected chance to settle here. Earlier yesterday, 29 Jordanians were taken to Heathrow



Ex-husband's tax debts will cost

former husband, who walked out on her 16 years ago, owes £33,000 to the Inland

Josephine McDonagh, 67. said she was angry that she would have to sell the house to pay for Frederick McDongh's bankruptcy. Her lawyer described the Croydon County Court order to sell as unfair, but said Mrs McDonagh, a former pub licensee, had no

The problem arose because she made a will in 1978, six years after her first husband died and shortly after she married her Mr McDonagh. Wanting to make sure she left her half of the semi-detached house in Whitton, southwest London, to her youngest son om her first marriage, she her second husband signed a trust deed splitting the home 50-50.

Mr McDonagh walked out in October 1980 after less than two years of marriage. But when he was made bankrupt in 1985, the trustees in bankruptcy wanted his share of the property to recover money for

Mrs McDonagh has no savings and lives on a pension of less than E70 a week. She has been told the house will be put up for sale in November and if it is not sold she must leave by March I.

gage payments he owed." Mrs McDonagh has no idea

of the whereabouts of Mr McDonagh, 59, a self-em-ployed builder. "I never gave the will a second thought until the brown letters dropped through the letterbox the day my son got married informing me there was a charge on the house," she said.

house, worth £70,000, be sold to pay Mr McDonagh's debts of £33,899, of which £33,350 is owed to the Inland Revenue. Legal and professional fees and interest have nearly doubled the total.

"I thought this trust deed was an ordinary will which would look after my son. I never realised I was signing half my house away," she said yesterday. "I wouldn't care if the debts were anything to do with me, but I have never owed anything in my life and I even paid off the £500 mort-

liams, said: The circumstances of this case are very unfair. Although her husband contributed nothing to the house he still had 50 per cent."

woman her home By Stephen Farrell A GRANDMOTHER is to of the mortgage payments. lose her home because her But the trustees insisted the

his creditors. Mrs McDonagh fought an eight-year legal Her solicitor. Jeremy Wilbattle resisting the claim, arguing that she paid the original El,600 deposit on the £15,000 purchase price in 1978 and that she paid all but a few Nuts allergy may stem from mother

AVOIDING the nuts on a bar counter is only part of the problem for the ever-growing number of people who are allergic to peanuts. They are also used in processed food, where they remain hidden and often unannounced. To those people who are so allergic to peanuts that they develop anaphylactic shock if they come into contact with them, one bite of a cake may be

This week the British Medical Journal, which has done a great deal to publicise the dangers, has two reports of research that determines the prevalence of peanut allergy in four-year-old children in the Isle of Wight.

Research workers at Southampton University found the increase in the number of children allergic to peanuts, the most common cause of death related to food allergy, is in

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line with the increase in the incidence of other allergies over the past 20 years. The Southampton doctors suggest that the foundation of peanut allergy from childhood could originate during the mother's pregnancy if she are peanuts at the time. The report also shows the increased chance that a brother or sister of someone with peanut allergy will develop the same problem.

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The other BMJ report was of a study undertaken at the asthma and allergy research centre at Newport. The Isle of Wight team shows that by the age of four, one in 100 children on the island has an allergy to peanuts or other nuts.

The allergy, once estab-lished, has a potential to remain as a life-threatening condition for the rest of the child's lifetime. The research demonstrated a clear assocation with a history of allergy in the family.

The BMJ reports recommend that children with a history of allergy, as well as those who have other members of their family with allergic diseases, should avoid peanuts altogether. It also recommended that food manufacturers should be more explicit in their labelling.

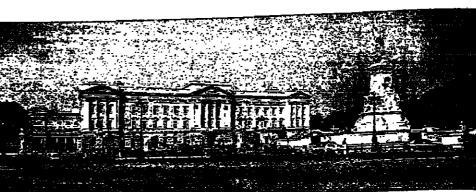
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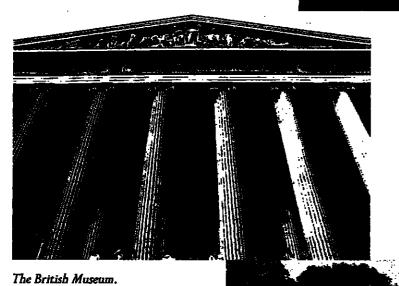
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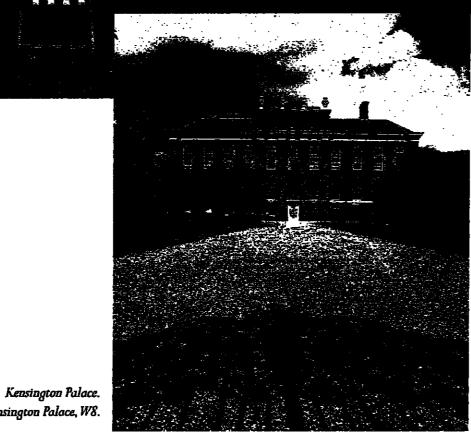
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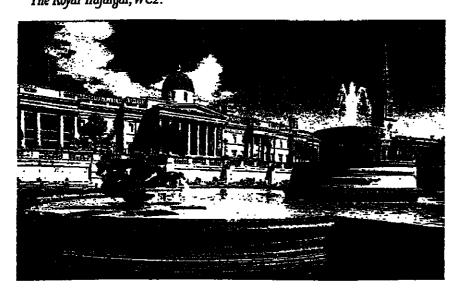
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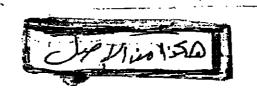


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Fashion and entertainment industry urged to remember United Nations code on children's rights

Moore condemns sex images of young girls

FROM DOMINIC KENNED
IN STOCKHOLM

ADVERTISERS and filmmakers who used childlike girls in alluring roles were accused by Roger Moore yeslerday of blurring the distinction between "sexually ready"

and "way too young".

The former James Bond actor rounded on Calvin Klein and the fashion industry over waifs such as Kate Moss, in his role as Unicel goodwill ambassador at an international conference against child-sexual exploitation. Mr Moore said: "Whereas Lolita the film caused a storm in the 1960s, the many Lolitas of advertising and entertainment today hardly raise a murmur.

The creators of these images will argue that this is art. But surely we cannot accept that the dignity, child-hood, even lives of thousands of children might be sacrificed for the sake of art without asponsibility."

"Sponsibility."
Mr Moore drew attention to the United Nations convention on the rights of the child as a "code of ethics we are all committed to". He added: The question is, of course, how do we integrate this code into our daily lives, whether we are scriptwriters, filmmakers, authors, musicians, actors or members of the viewing public?"

viewing public?" word "Lolita" by tabloid newspapers describing sexually attractive young women.



Calvin Klein jeans model: campaign was halted

as his main theme at the Calvin Klein's jeans advertisement sent shock waves through the advertising world congress. June Kane, Unicel's media co-ordinator who assisted him with his research. and President Clinton is said said Mr Moore had been to have intervened personally angered by an article reportto have it withdrawn. There ing that a new version of has also been concern ex-Lolita had been made starring pressed at the conference over Jeremy Irons and a 14-year-Hélène et les Garçons, an old Californian unknown. afternoon programme on Domingue Swain. French television appealing to "He is upset about the schoolchildren, which in-

woman-child type of model used by Calvin Klein," said cludes teenagers making jokes about being pregnant.
With only four European Ms Kane. "Somebody like countries, including Britain, banning child nudity in adver-Kate Moss with no breasts could be 14 or 50. Once you create the demand, you have tisements, delegates were to find women who look like warned that the two-year-old bottom that sells toilet paper children." Mr Moore was angry about a girl of 12 being could also send a distorted signed up by an adult advermessage to paedophiles. tising agency in Britain and

A paper presented by Aidan White, General Secretary of the International Federation of Journalists, who shared a press conference with Mr Moore, cited Gianne Albertoni Vicente, a 13-year-old model. "In fashion, it is the 'woman-child' who now rules the catwalk," said the report Prime Time for Children Love Classes.

Children.Larry Clark's film Kids, with young actors portraying sexual encounters, had raised worrying questions.

"The crucial question is whether adults themselves are encouraging children to become prematurely sexually active, or to seem to be so," said the paper.

In Britain, the Advertising Standards Authority said it had upheld complaints about Calvin Klein's Obsession advertisement featuring Kate Moss lying on her stomach naked on a couch. Critics claimed it was designed to make Miss Moss appear childlike beneath the headline "Obsession for Men".

The Calvin Klein jeans campaign which ran in America was stopped by the ASA before it came to Britain, after being accused of promoting pornographic images of children.

At the agency Select which

graphic images of children.

At the agency Select, which signed up the 12-year-old schoolgirl Rachel Kirby this year, a spokesman said: "We are not going to comment on general remarks made by Roger Moore." Miss Kirby's career was put on hold after an outcry.

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Moore at the conference: "The many Lolitas of today hardly raise a murmur"

Photo offer to anorexic appalling, says doctor

By A STAFF REPORTER

A DOCTOR today adds his voice to criticism of model agencies seeking teenage girls who are dangerously underweight, to emulate the look made fashionable by the superwaifs" Kate Moss and lodie Kidd

Girls who are already underweight are starving themselves to make the grade and leading agencies are said to have approached anorexic girls in the street, offering them lucrative contracts.

Last May, Lucy Cope, 15, was approached by two agencies who told her she had the look they wanted. At the time she weighed 6½ stone and was a patient at Rhodes Farm, a residential clinic for people with eating disorders.

Dr Dee Dawson, who runs the clinic in Mill Hill, north London, told Company magazine: "It was apalling, Lucy was one of the sickest girls we had. Her bones were protruding. She had the haunted look that most anorexics have. How anyone can think those looks are nice is unbelievable."

He added: "What these model agencies are doing is irresponsible. They don't care about the damage they are doing to girls."

Jo Fonseca, director of Mod-

els I. told Company: "Models have to be slim. I can think of nothing worse than being fat."

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Secret child abuse survey records boasts by tourists

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By Dominic Kennedy

TWO British women posing holidaymakers have produced the first academic study of child sex tourists by interviewing 300 men in bars and on heaches.

The researchers found that their subjects, bored with the company of foreign prostitutes who spoke little English, were happy to recount their experiences to strangers from home. The two women have been mistaken for prostitutes, manhandled, robbed and once faced a death threat while working on behalf of the campaign group End Child Prostitution in Asian Tourism, which organised the Stockholm conference.

The child sex tourist, they found, comes from all walks of life, although businessmen have the advantage of being able to give their family and friends an excuse for travelling to the countries where prostitution flourishes. Some are paedophiles but many say

they like young-looking women and go to bars or brothels where a lot of girls under 18 are working and will sleep with them without asking any questions

ing any questions.
Julia O'Connell Davidson and Jacqueline Sanchez Taylor, of Leicester University, flew to seven destinations. including Goa and Thailand and ones in the Caribbean and Latin America. Once abroad, they arranged accommodation in self-catering apartment blocks, which are preferred by sex lourists decause of their relative privacy compared with hotels. The researchers dressed in holiday clothes and went to bars. sometimes saying they were conducting research for the travel industry and handing out questionnaires. They listened to men pouring out their boasts of sexual adventures.

The sex tourists, the researchers found, convince themselves that it is natural for girls to become sexually mature at an early age in poorer countries, that they are helping them by giving them money, or that they are older than they seem because, for example, "all Thais look young". The men they met ranged from Yorkshire miners to millionaires, aged 18 to 80. Some said of the girls in countries where children are used as dancers in bars: "It's different, it's natural here. They are like plants, they grow quicker. Look at how the six-year-olds dance — it's sensual, it's sexual."

Men in their sixties walked around with young girls and proudly told the researchers that age made no difference to a man's sexual attraction. Many convinced themselves that they were not engaged with prostitutes but were having holiday romances. When the girls asked for money, the men persuaded themselves they were making a gift.

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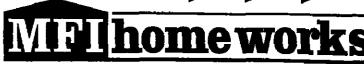
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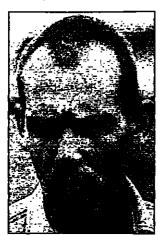
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Unionists call for loyalists' exclusion from peace talks

should be expelled from multiparty talks at Stormont after Protestant paramilitaries threatened to kill two loyalists, a leading Unionist politician said yesterday. Peter Robinson, deputy leader of the Democratic Unionist Party. claimed that the loyalists had breached the Mitchell principles of non-violence.

The MP for East Belfast wrote to Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, after the Combined Loyalist Military Command ordered two hardline loyalists to leave Northern Ireland or be killed. On Wednesday, Billy Wright was given 72 hours to leave, and Alex Kerr. on remand facing terrorist charges, was ordered to leave within 72 hours of his release from prison.

Mr Robinson said that the statement from the loyalist command, which is the umbrella organisation for the three main Protestant paramilitary groups, made it impossible for the Progressive Unionist Party and the Ulster
Democratic Party to remain at drew up the non-violence principles, to decide whether they



Wright shrewd and as hard as nails, says RUC

the talks. The PUP is the political wing of the Ulster Volunteer Force and the UDP is the political wing of the Ulster Defence Association.

The Northern Ireland Office declined to comment on Mr Robinson's letter last night. It is understood that Sir Patrick feels it is up to Senator George Mitchell, the chairman who

New chief constable for RUC is chosen

Annesley, the Chief Constable of the RUC, is expected to be announced today after the Northern Ireland Police Authority interviewed three candidates for the post yesterday. Nicholas Watt writes.

Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, was due to receive a recommendation from the authority last night for the new chief constable, who will take on one of the most challenging policing jobs in western Europe.

The two deputy chief constables of the RUC, Ronnie Flanagan and Blair Wallace. vied with William Taylor, the Commissioner of Police for the City of London, for the post. Mr Flanagan, 46, is regarded as a high-flyer who would like

to reform the RUC to make it more acceptable to nationalists. However, as Deputy Chief Constable (Operations) he faced stinging criticism from loyalists over the RUC's handling of this summer's marching season.

Mr Wallace, 59, has attracted less attention since he was moved earlier this year from Deputy Chief Constable (Operations) to DCC (Support Services). But in the aftermath of the Drumcree stand-off, Mr Wallace's standing has in-creased in the eyes of Union-

The contrasting styles of the two internal candidates was highlighted when the Democratic Unionists voiced support for Mr Wallace and the SDLP expressed its backing ior Mr Flanagan.

have been breached. Mr Mitchell, who will chair the next session of the talks on September 9, will examine remarks yesterday by David Ervine, of the PUP, who sought to distance his party from the threat to Mr Wright. Mr Ervine refused to condemn the statement by the loyalist command but said that the expulsion order and death threat were wrong on

humanitarian grounds.

In Dublin, the death threat provoked criticism from John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister. He said Northern Irish politics had no place for such exclusion orders. "Politics is a democratic business, where one must be willing to allow others to express their views in an open and free way."

In his home town of Portadown, Co Armagh, where he insists he will remain, Mr Wright, 36, stepped up his personal security after vowing to defy the order to leave. As two tattooed minders stood guard, he brushed aside the death threat. Speaking at his girlfriend's house in a staunchly Protestant area, he said: "I have defied the IRA before because they are wrong. I will also defy this order. Of course I will be taking security measures."
Nicknamed King Rat, he

has a fearsome reputation in Northern Ireland. He has survived at least six IRA attempts on his life. He is intelligent and articulate, does not drink or smoke, and his sharp features and lean look confirm his interest in keeping fit. An RUC detective who once questioned him said: "He's as hard as nails and very shrewd. Billy Wright has been under the threat of death all his life, so

this is nothing new." His mother is buried in the gravevard at Drumcree. where he was heavily involved in the Orange Order stand-off last month. He said: "I feel the Unionist people have been badly treated and I don't believe attempts at a settlement have been along the democratic lines. My feelings are exactly the same as the vast majority of Unionists'."



Same old tune as the Oasis singer flies out to lead their big reunion

BY EMMA WILKINS

MOST rock bands go through a breakup and years of waiting before they hold a big reunion. Oasis have cut the procedure down to four days.

Liam Gallagher, the lead singer who

abandoned his colleagues at Heathrow on Monday 15 minutes before they left for a American tour, flew out to join them vesterday. With familiar volubility he insisted that they remained on cordial terms, and caught up with them in Detroit after achieving vast publicity.

Liam, 23, said that his brother Noel who had to step in as temporary lead singer - was looking forward to their reunion. "Me and Noel are all right. We have had chats and that. He can't wait to

Defending his decision to abandon the

To tell you the truth, thousands of fans can wait. Being in a band, you write songs for yourself first. You do your gigs and that after you are settled and happy and I wasn't happy. I didn't have

The £750,000 house in North London which he shares with the actress Patsy Kensit, 28, has been sold recently and the couple are looking for a new home. He denied reports that the delay was influenced by his fianceé. Speaking on GMTV, he said: "It wasn't Patsy's fault. She loves me being in a band. I just had to come back and do a bit of packing like you do when you have got a house and

anywhere to live.

you have got to move." When asked by reporters at Heathrow airport if he had solved his problems, Mr

band while he apparently sorted out a house move, he said: "It's not petulance.

To tell you the truth, thousands of fans

Gallagher said: "What's it got to do with you? I hate you lot, yet you're always asking me too many things. I'm not a supermodel, you know.

The second concert of the American tour takes place this evening at Detroit. Reporters suggested that Oasis fans might want to know if he was fit to perform, following an earlier explanation that he had a throat infection, but he replied: "You're not my fans, so keep your nose out of it.'

Meanwhile, Ms Kensit issued a statement through her solicitors which said: "In the light of the present coverage, our client wishes to make it clear that she did not instruct or in any way seek to persuade Liam Gallagher to withdraw from travelling to America with Oasis,"

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Mine protest

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Fan pays penalty

Dean Charles, 19, of West Norwood, south London, who hurled a glass through a pub window after watching Gareth Southgate miss the Euro 96 semi-final penalty, was fined £250. "I was drunk got carried away," he told Camberwell magistrates.

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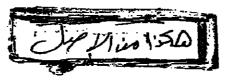
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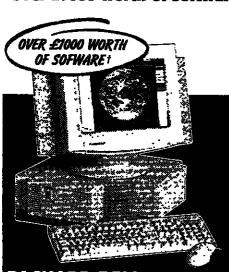
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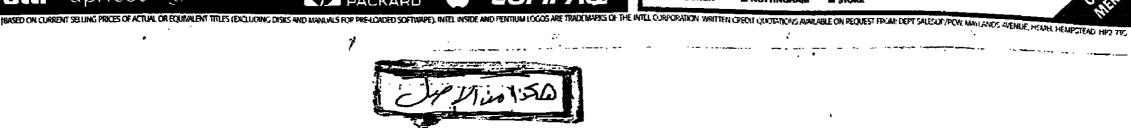
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Hollywood paints modern artists as colourful new heroes



Portraits of artists are the new trend for the cinema. Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent, reports from the Venice Film Festival

IOLLYWOOD has a found a rw breed of hero: wild, free sirits who live recklessly and ften die the same way. Modm films are discovering the rodern artist.

Film-makers are making an inprecedented number of novies inspired by the most olourful lives of 20th-century mainters and sculptors. The atest, Basquiat, about the graffiti artist who found international acclaim but died of a heroin overdose in 1988, is part of the main programme of the Venice Film Festival.

David Bowie, the rock star and actor, plays Basquiat's mentor Andy Warhol, wearing one of the pop artist's mous snow-white wigs. The ilm is written and directed by inother artist and Warhol ssociate, Julian Schnabel, est known for collages of roken crockery.

Among those also destined immortality on screen are e painters Jackson Pollock. casso and Modigliani, and applethorpe. Artists pro-

vide scriptwriters with drama which might be dismissed as unbelievable if not based on real lives. "Bio-pies" have long provided Hollywood with larger-than-life portraits of the older masters: Kirk Douglas's Van Gogh in Lust for Life and Charlton Heston's Michelangelo in The

But the industry has been noting a recent fascination for 20th-century artists, with the strength of the art market turning some into stars in their own right Emma Thompson's Carrington, the story of the painter Dora Carrington, and Mary Harron's I Shot Andy Warhol, both won acclaim earlier this

Al Pacino has been cast as

Agony and the Ecstasy.

Modigliani, the master portraitist inspired by primitive art and best known for his elongated and sensuous images of women. Pacino will also direct and produce. Norman Rosenthal, who organised the staging of a Modigliani exhibition at the

Royal Academy, said that the action-painter Jackson artist's impoverished life and Pollock are in the pipeline. his love affairs could provide plenty of exotic material, but One version has Robert De Niro, directed by Barbra Streisand. The second has Ed there was always a danger that films about artists could Harris while another, which descend into cliché. focuses on Pollock's relationship with his mistress, is

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expected to feature Willem

Michelle Pfeiffer is understood to be considering a film about Georgia O'Keeffe, the American pioneer of modernism, and the comic actor Steve Martin is finishing a script for

In the frame: from left, Jeffrey Wright as Basquiat and David Bowie as Warhol with their film co-stars Gary Oldman and Dennis Hopper

a screen adaptation of his play Picasso at the Lapin

More controversially, there have been reports of at least two films dealing with the life. and death from Aids, of Robert Mapplethorpe one of

them, by a former lover, is being rewritten by the rock star Patti Smith, who was a Mapplethorpe. There could be censorship difficulties: lurid sadoma: ochism was a trademark.

jections were made by both the father of Basquiat and the son of Picasso: neither would allow film-makers to reproduce images or reproductions. Schnabel had to paint the Neither relative was able to

not always enthusiastic. Ob-

Basquiats himself. stop the films going ahead but the Merchant Ivory team behind Surviving Picasso. which stars Sir Anthony Hopkins, has seen their movie rejected by Venice. One source described it as sub-

The Venetian committee did, however, pick Miramax's Basquiat for the main competition. Jeffrey Wright, a Tony award-winner, plays the artist who first made his mark by spray-painting subway trains. It traces Jean-Michel Basquiat's life from his early days sleeping in a cardboard box in New York to his esteemed position in the art world just before his death at the age

He was the first black artist to break into the powerful. white New York art establishment. His images were peopled by figures with African mask-like faces against skyscrapers, words and rockets. He was dubbed by the New York Times as "the art world's closest equivalent to James

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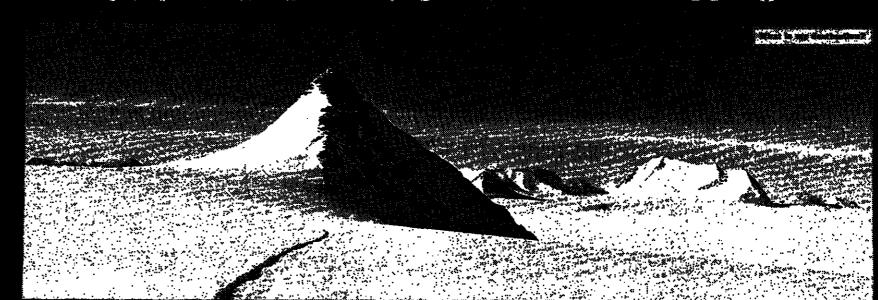
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In the middle of the night, police arrive and arrest you on suspicion of car theft. You are innocent.

a) Say so, refuse to go to the station. while losing your temper? b) Ask them what they're on about

and demand to talk to a superior? c) Agree to go to the station and help with enquiries, not forgetting to phone a solicitor?

Check how well you can tell the time without looking at your watch. Guess out loud what time it is. Now look at your watch. Double-check what time it is and call it out. Now, without looking at your watch again. answer the following question: What is the number 6 on your watch? (Isitanumeral 6. a Roman numeral, a dash, two dashes, a triangle or what?)

In the Royal Marines you need to pay attention to detail and learn to take in even those things which at first seem unimportant

A helicopter you were travelling in has to make an emergency landing on its way carrying out a night mission behind enemy lines. Once on the ground it's clear that the helicopter is useless.

There are eight of you with only enough food rations to last two days. What do you do?

1) Stay exactly where you are in the hope that you will be picked up by your own forces. but risk having been seen by



2) Push on to try to accomplish your original mission objectives. even though the timetable for completion will now be badly

3) Try to withdraw as soon as possible towards the nearest friendly' encampment, but chance the possibility of giving your location away to enemy forces in the area?

Next a memory test. Study this list of objects. Can you say which one corresponds with which number. even when the numbers are asked out of order?

1. Position 2. Tent 3. Mallet

4. Pegs 5. Guy ropes



ROYAL MARINES COMMANDO

On operations and on training exercises Royal Marines often have to form a plan where none exists. Imagine for a moment that the temperatures are close to freezing, in front of you there is a fast flowing. I2 metre wide river. You need to get across as do the

> you across. What do you decide 1. Swim across one by one. thinking that the river isn't really so wide, but you know you'll

other 7 men who are with you.

You know that a mile upstream

there is a small village where you

could probably find a boat to get

2. Use your ropes to winch yourself across above the water?

act wet?

3. Or make your way to the village to look for a boat?

Time is against you, so you need to think quickly. Not easy is it?

A quick final question, can you remember what number three corresponded with in the exercise

Those are the questions over with. The mere fact that you've bothered to go through them already says a lot about you.



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President's marriage of convenience to a loathed guru ends in scandal

FROM LAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

DICK MORRIS was the architect of the "permanent campaign", the political guru who reshaped and energised President Clinton's reelection campaign and believed that there could be no let-up for those holding or seeking office. Yesterday he resigned amid reports of a year-long affair with a

A small, dapper man, he was forever tracking polls, taking the voters' pulse and devising ways to outsmart the opposition, even if it Jesse Helms, the ultra-right-wing

MAN IN THE NEWS

approach to politics made him the President's alter ego but made him loathed among White House aides. He was variously described as an evil genius, a Rasputin, a Svengali and a man with a sure intuition for the public mood. What rankled was that Mr Morris habitually worked both sides of the political street, dispensing advice to whoever paid him, whether Republican or Democrat. Among his more startling Republican clients were who is now the Senate majority But Clinton aides had to give him

Trent Lott, the Mississippi senator

credit for the President's comeback after the loss of both the House and the Senate to Republicans in 1994. He it was who urged the President to move to the political centre and to embrace the Republicans' sevenyear timetable to balance the budget, to declare the era of big government to be over and to sign the controversial Republican Bill for welfare reform, which infuriated many Democrats.

Mr Morris also persuaded Mr Clinton to advance ideas that had a

popular ring to them - the need for school uniforms and curfews, a call for neighbourhood watch groups and a successful bid to make the television networks improve the quality and number of programmes for children.

He and Mr Clinton go back nearly 20 years to the President's first race for Governor of Arkansas. They met when Mr Morris arrived in Little Rock from New York. After winning the election, Mr Clinton felt no further need for the Morris expertise and dropped him. But he was defeated at the end of his first term and turned once

until 1990, when they had a tremendous row during Mr Clinton's last campaign for Governor. Accounts vary, but the pair were screaming at each other over Mr Morris working for Republicans. and Mr Clinton finally either struck his guru or grabbed him by the shoulders and spun him around. Either way. Mr Morris was heard muttering for weeks afterwards: "I can't believe Clinton

When their marriage of convenience was reconciled after 1994, it was done so in great secrecy. Almost nobody was aware that

This time they remained together—they were again in touch. Mr Clinton referred to Mr Morris only by the code-name "Charlie", and his renewed influence became known only gradually. He was called the Greta Garbo of political strategists.

Each Monday for at least the past year. Mr Morris has left his home in Connecticut and his wife. Eileen McGann, a lawyer, to spend the week in Washington. He staved at the venerable Jefferson Hotel. just walking distance up 16th Street from the White House and the scene of his alleged encounters with a prostitute. It was a measure of the newcomer's unpopularity in the Deputy Chief of Staff and a los time adversary, even question the bills run up by Mr Morris his hotel mini-bar.

Mr Morris would talk to the President anywhere from five to times during the week and would also dispatch a stream of advisor memos. His fee was never dis closed, but he stood to profit from commissions for the advertising booked on television by the Clinton campaign.

Only in this last week has he come from the shadows. Above all. he was confident Mr Clinton would: easily win in November.

> CHICAGO NOTEBOOK

Shrine to

politics

of tobacco

Last night he accepted, It

was a process so utterly devoid of suspense that

one longed for the days

when party bigwigs metlin

smoke-filled rooms to prk

Chicago invented the

smoke-filled room". The

Republicans' 1920 convel-

non was deadlocked after

four ballots, so on the night of June II a dozer

senators gathered in Roon

408 of the Blackstone Ho

tel and settled on Warren

Harding as their candidate. They asked him it

there was any reason he could not stand. He opted

not to tell the senators

about his mistress, and

went on to become one of

America's most unsavoury

I went in search of that

original smoke-filled

presidents.

n Wednesday the Democratic convention nominated Bill Clinton for President.

Confident Clinton tells America 'the best is yet to come'

THE resignation of Dick Morris. President Clinton's ton political adviser, yesterday marred what was to have been a night of triumph.

On Wednesday Mr Clinton had become the first Democratic President in 60 years to be renominated unopposed. and he was last night launching the final campaign of his political career with an acceptance speech unveiling his vision for steering America into the 21st century.

It was the climax of a Democratic convention that had united powerfully behind his leadership over the past few days and had become hugely confident of victory on November 5. A CBS Television poll yesterday gave Mr Clinton a commanding 15-point lead over Bob Dole, his Republican opponent.

The best is yet to come the best days of America, the best days of the Clinton-Gore Administration," the President proclaimed to hundreds of cheering supporters who greeted him on a floodlit baseball field when he finally arrived in Chicago by helicopter on Wednesday night after a triumphant four-day train ride through the heartlands.

Mr Clinton was formally nominated at 10.59pm on Wednesday when the key electoral state of Ohio was given the honour of sending him over the 2,145 delegates re-



quired. As 25,000 delegates erupted, Mr Clinton appeared on three huge video screens, punching the air in his hotel room, and Jennifer Holiday took the stage to sing This Is The Moment.

But the night really be-longed to Al Gore, the Vice-President, who Mr Clinton clearly wants to succeed him in 2000. Breaking with tradition, the White House had him address the convention 24 hours early so he would not be eclipsed by Mr Clinton's appearance last night, and Mr Gore seized the chance to establish himself as the heirapparent. "Gore in Four," the convention chanted as he took

He skewered Mr Dole who. at the Republican convention, had offered himself as a bridge back to a stronger, more tranquil America. "Senator Dole offered himself as a bridge to the past. Tonight Bill Clinton and I offer ourselves as a bridge to the future." he declared. The Republicans and their 73-year-old nominee were "the party of memory",

Mr Gore's attack was all the more effective because he leav-ened it with praise. Mr Dole was a "good and decent man" and "we honour his service to his country", but he had also voted against much landmark legislation in the past 40 years. including the creation of the Medicare and Medicaid health insurance schemes and President Kennedy's Peace Corps. "He even voted against funds to send a man to the Moon," Mr Gore continued. Again referring to Mr Dole's San Diego speech, he said: "If he's the most optimistic man in America. I'd hate to see the pessimists."

Mr Gore lavishly praised Mr Clinton's record, especially his stand against the tobacco industry. He recalled how Mr Clinton stood firm in the face of Republican threats to shut down the Government last year unless he signed their "reckless" budget. "He never flinched or wavered. He never stooped to their level. And, of course, he never attacked his opponent's wife."

Senator Chris Dodd, who delivered the nomination speech, also denounced the endless Republican attacks on the Clintons' integrity. "Let us not dishonour our democracy. The American people are fed up with relentless assaults on people's reputations. This has to stop and stop now. Stop attacking the President's familv. Stick to the issues."



President Clinton with his wife, Hillary, and daughter, Chelsea, after arriving at a Chicago baseball field by helicopter

It's the economy again, stupid

BY TIM HAMES

IN THE presidential election of 1992 the issue was, in the notorious words of the Clinton campaign, "it's the economy. stupid". But public attention was then focused on the impact of the recession and unemployment, which the Democratic challenger

pledged to fix. Deprived of short-term misery to blame on President Clinton, the Republicans this year have taken a different tack. Their argument is that the medium-term rate of growth, of about 2.5 per cent. which has prevailed for 25 years, is too low to sustain the

COMMENTARY

American dream. Instead. Bob Dole's plan recommends target of 3.5 per cent. Whether the Republican candidate's proposal via the route of radical tax cuts is plausible will be critical to the election

This is a much more complex question to put before the electorate than the stark "are you better off today than you were four years ago?" posed by Ronald Reagan in 1980 and Mr Clinton last time. Medium-term growth depends on two factors: the rise in numbers of employed and the increase in productivity. For the past 20 years the American economy has seen an increase in the workforce, averaging 1.5 per cent a year and a rise in productivity of about 1 per cent. In absolute terms, Americans remain the world's most productive people but their

advantage is diminishing. The flexible American labour market is good at creating jobs. The new employees have been drawn mostly from two sources: an increasing num-

A DECADE after the tele-

vision series Miami Vice put

the city on the map of the

international narcotics trade.

drug trafficking is making a

rose 78 per cent nationally in

the past three years, was

higher in the Miami area,

where cocaine use has risen

In the past 18 months au-

thorities have seized more than 46 tonnes of cocaine in

the area, well up on the early 1990s when traffickers ap-

peared to have ahandoned the

region for less well policed

routes, especially along the

Under attack from Republi-

cans over the nation's failing

drug policy, the Clinton Ad-

ministration says the new trend pre-dates its tenure in

office. This week Bob Dole, the

Teenage drug abuse, which

big comeback.

166 per cent.

ber of women workers and immigration. This constant source of new people from other countries has been the American secret weapon. In the 25 years from 1965 alone, the total population rose by more than 55 million, the equivalent of incorporating

Britain as the 51st state. However, immigration has become unpopular with the public. As the rise in the proportion of women entering the labour force inevitably slows, and the post baby-boom birthrate declines, the attention of politicians has fallen on the level of outputper-person.

Potential solutions vary. In 1992 Mr Clinton espoused higher educational standards. better training and infrastructure investment. The blueprint for this was a book. The Work of Nations, written by Robert Reich, his Labour Secretary.

In office, this plan was ambushed by Congress and Wall Street which disliked its cost and the scale of Washington's interference. Mr Clinton has followed a course of low inflation, reduction in the deficit, and enhanced free trade.

Drugs vice returns to Miami

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

Republican presidential can-

didate, launched a publicity

campaign attacking the Clin-

ton Administration's record

A 30-second television ad-

vertisement accused Mr Clin-

ton of cutting spending to fight

drugs. "Bill Clinton said he'd

lead the war on drugs and change America. All he did

was change his mind." the

What is more worrying, say

experts, is that the resurgence

of the drug trade in south Florida is only a symptom of a

South American drug traf-

fickers, who have in recent

years turned to smuggling

routes into America via Mexi-

co, are picking up their activity

in the Caribbean, say officials, who add that the small island

states are struggling to com-bat an increased flow of drugs,

much wider phenomenon.

on drugs.

voice-over said.

reassure the bond market and hence produce lower longterm interest rates which, in turn, will spur greater capital investment which will raise

al Eisenhower. Whether any of this debate is framing what ordinary voters think is doubtful. In practice they will choose between the competing slogans of "more jobs created" versus "tax cuts coming". Yet in terms of what makes the American economy tick, the Statue of Liberty is a good pointer: the country needs

money laundering and drug

that the new threat comes at a

time when help for foreign

anti-drug measures is drop-

ping because of budget cuts in America. Meanwhile, the Ca-

ribbean islands face increas-

ing economic domestic dif-

Counter-drug agencies all

over the Caribbean report

signs of an increase in the flow

of drug dealing. Security ex-

perts say the corrupting influ-

ence of the rising trade is

endangering the political sta-bility of the islands.

"We are just waking up to the problem. Drug traffickers

are increasing their hold in the

region and pose a threat to

stability," said Michel Amion,

director of the European

Union's Caribbean drug liai-

son office, based in Barbados.

ficulties of their own.

Experts are also concerned

more immigrants.

room. The Blackstone Hotel still exists. a 22-storey growth rates. turn-of-the-century red brick building on Michi-The Republican approach gan Avenue. But it is now starts from different assumptions. They believe individual owned by Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who has output could grow if only turned two floors into a excessive and complicated taxation, burdensome regulation, centre for transcendental and the power of the legal meditation. From the fadprofession were tackled. ed grandeur of the wood-Hence the Dole claim that panelled lobby, I look the taxes could be substantially lift to the fourth fbor and room 408. My knocks went cut, the economy improved. unanswered. A deaning and the budget balanced, provided there was much less women let me in and there government activism. In seizit was, the room that made ing this position Mr Dole now a president - draffy decosounds like John Kennedy just rated, filled with ugly as Bill Clinton mimics Gener-1970s furniture and available to anyone at amodest nightly rate. One day, when the mod-

ern convention has been sanitised to death, political junkies will make this a ack in the conten-

tion hall. Al Gre, the notoriously lift Vice-President, began is speech. He offered to grform his version of energetic Macarela dance. He stood ramed straight for ten secons then asked: Would yu like to see it again?"

The delegates roard with laughter, but N Gore later reduced them tears by recalling how hi sister, a lifelong smoket died from lung cancer Until I draw my las breath I will pour my hear and soul into the cause of protecting our children from the dangers of smoking," the Vice-President

He might start by stopping tobacco's sponsorship of the Democratic convention. The cigarette manufacturers Philip Morris, R. J. Reynolds, Brown & Williamson and UST have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars underwriting the expenses and wooing Democrats a parties in Chicago this week.

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Titanic survivors see hull section raised

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

SALVAGE crews succeeded at their third attempt yesterday in raising a section of the Titanic from the ocean floor in an operation that has been criticised as "grave-robbing".

Three survivors of the doomed transatlantic liner, which hit an iceberg on her maiden voyage in 1912, were among about 1,700 tourists who watched the salvage effort live on video on board two cruise ships at the scene.

operation was organised by RMS Titanic, the company that obtained salvage rights to the Titanic after the hulk was found 350 miles off Newfoundland in 1985. The 20ft by 24ft chunk of

hull weighing 20 tonnes was lifted from the its resting place 12,500ft below the surface by two balloons attached to it with heavy chains.

Two attempts failed earlier this week when a submarine proved unable to loosen a balloon from its ballast and then cut the balloon free of the wreckage instead.

The families of some of the 1,522 victims of the disaster have expressed outrage about the wreck being disturbed. But some survivors, like Edith Haisman, 99, of Southampton, who travelled to the site. RMS Titanic plans to bring the hull section to New York.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 30 1996

Bank pays compensation and fine after inquiry by Imro

Rogue trader costs Jardine £12m

LONDON AND MICHAEL STEINBERGER IN HONG KONG

JARDINE FLEMING, the oldest established investment bank in Hong Kong, has paid investors £12 million in compensation after a trader diverted profits from market deals into a personal account. Jardine Fleming is 50 per cent owned by Robert Fleming, the UK private merchant bank.

Companies within the Fleming group have also been fined a total of £700,000 and ordered to pay E122,000 in costs.

Colin Armstrong, 42, a former senior fund manager and director of Jardine Fleming Investment Management (JFIM) in Hong Kong, was found to have carried out share al equity plans (Peps) invested directly in shares. deals on behalf of offshore funds and unit trust companies to benefit his own account and to the detriment of clients.

A five-month joint investigation by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), the

US bonds

slump on

fears of

rate rise

By JANET BUSH

AMERICAN stocks and

bonds slumped yesterday

after figures suggesting

considerable strength in

the economy going into the

Second-quarter gross do-

mestic product was unex-

pectedly revised up from

4.2 per cent to 4.8 per cent,

while sales of new homes

jumped to their fastest rate

head off inflation. The yield on the long bond rose to 7.03 per cent at one point, its highest level since

FT-SE 100 index fell in sympathy, closing 33.7 points lower at 3,885.0.

The upward revision in

growth was unexpected

and contrasts dramatically

with the 2 per cent growth

in the first quarter. The 4.8

per cent second-quarter fig-

ure was the strongest since

the second quarter of 1994.

Nevertheless, fears of high-

er rates should have been

allayed by the fact that

both price measures in the

GDP release showed no

sign of inflationary

New home sales rose 7.9

per cent, the largest month-

ly increase since January. Wall Street had expected

sales to fall given higher mortgage rates. The medi-

an sales price for new

homes rose to a record

\$143,000, from \$140,000 in

pressures.

the end of July. Wall Street bonds lower with the Dow Jones industrial average quoted about 50 points lower at one stage but then recovered to a loss of 37 points at mid-session. The

for five months in July. The bond market slumped on the news, fearful that the economy still retains healthy momentum and that this might necessitate higher interest rates to

third quarter.

UK watchdog for fund managers and Hong Kong's Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) established that Mr Armstrong had engaged in the late allocation of

to as "rat trading", Mr Armstrong, who has since left the company and returned to the UK, would take the profits if the share or option prices

By ROBERT MILLER

SAVE & PROSPER Equity Plan

Managers has been fined £115,000

for rule breaches relating to person-

The Investment Management

Regulatory Organisation (Imro)

yesterday announced that the fine

on S&P, a part of the Robert

Fleming group best known for its

were JF Pacific Securities Trust, an authorised Hong Kong unit trust. Fleming Flagship Fund.
Broken down, the Imro fines, plus

against him he would pass the

losses on to investors. The investors

costs of £122,000, were levied on Jardine Fleming Asset Management (JFAM) which had to pay £400,000 and three companies in

Investment Management, Fleming Investment Trust Management and Save & Prosper Securities, each paying £100,000.

Imro also announced that Robert he bore ultimate responsibility for the compliance failings in the companies. Mr Thomas, who has re-turned to the UK, remains a director

of Jardine Fleming Holdings. JFAM has also had its authorisation to conduct business withdrawn by

The joint statement by the Hong Kong and UK regulators lists a catalogue of serious rule breaches. These largely relate to the fact that Mr Armstrong continued his trading practices for a substantial period of time between 1993 and 1995 even though there were early

declared and allowed under special client agreements. Phillip Thorpe, chief executive of Imro, said: "Imro's investigation has amply illustrated the danger of firms paying insufficient attention to the responsibilities that arise when they delegate business to another entity, whether in the UK or

> Gerard McMahon, executive director of Enforcement and a member of the Commission of the SFC, said: "The SFC is committed to maintaining Hong Kong's reputation as an investment management centre in which bad practice will not

amiss. Further, the watchdogs charged that the fined companies

and their senior managers failed to

report these concerns. There was

also a matter of commissions total-

ling £8.1 million being retained by

an associated broker in contraven-

tion of the Imro rules, which state

that such commissions must be

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Savings

Reckitt & Colman, the household products group, has made savings of £30 million from the takeover of L&F in America. Page 26, Tempus 28

deals after changes in the price of the investments traded had and Fleming Pacific Fund, a sub-fund of the Luxembourg-registered Thomas, former chief executive of JFAM and JFIM, had his regulatory In a practice sometimes referred authorisation withdrawn because

Save & Prosper fined for Pep breaches unit trusts and credit cards, was based on six charges and rule breaches between November 1991 and May 1996. S&P has paid compensation of around £69,000 to

> reimbursed approximately £30,000 to 849 former Pep clients. The charges on which Imro found S&P guilty include failing to identify and correct differences on stock reconciliations - at one stage

some 4,600 Pep investors and

ences - and allowing overdrafts on client money accounts to a point in April 1995 when around 13,000 investor accounts were overdrawn by more than £500,000.

S&P, which was ordered to pay Imro costs of £31,000, also failed to invest or reinvest money promptly for some of its investors, and did not adequately document its

Peter Roney, chief executive of S&P, which said that none of the rule breaches related to unit trust Peps, added: "No client has suffered any financial loss. New management has been introduced, training has been improved and new procedures and controls have been implemented to ensure that future operations are of the highest possible standards, and in accor-

dance with Imro rules."

Sears set to shed 1,400 more jobs

By Sarah Cunningham and Jason Nissé

THE remainder of the shoe shops that returned to the Sears group as a result of the collapse of Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia empire are to be shut down, Price Waterhouse, the administrators, confirmed yesterday.

The new round of closures could lead to the loss of up to 1,400 jobs.

Around 90 of the shops have already been closed with the loss of around 1,000 jobs — and some 150 stores sold to the companies Stylo and Stead & Simpson. That leaves up to 140 shops to be shut down.

"Those stores that have not been sold are in the process of being closed down," a spokesman for Price Waterhouse The latest round of closures

will mainly involve branches of Freeman Hardy & Willis, together with some Curtess and Trueform outlets.

Sears believes that the £25 million provision it made at the time it put Mr Hinchliffe's shoe businesses into administration is adequate. This came on top of £54 million already written off when Sears originally sold the 379 outlets to Mr Hinchliffe.

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Global union: Stephen Bollenbach, left, of Hilton Hotels, and Peter George of Ladbroke, at yesterday's alliance launch

Ladbroke and Hilton rekindle bond



LADBROKE has unveiled a worldwide alliance that will reunite the Hilton brand for the first time in 32 years. It is linking with Hilton Hotels Corporation to extend the reservation system and the American guest loyalty programme across the Hilton network, as well as jointly participating in hotel and gaming expansion.

Hilton Hotels Corporation, founded by Conrad Hilton in 1919, owns the Hilton brand in the United States, while Ladbroke has owned the since 1987. Peter George, chief executive of Ladbroke, said yesterday that the benefits were difficult to quantify but would run to "tens of millions of dollars". The alliance will

By Alasdair Murray

own 400 hotels in 49 countries. HHC added that it would be taking a 5 per cent stake in Ladbroke, although Ladbroke has declined to reciprocate because of its larger financial commitment to HHC's expansion programme.

Mr George will be appointed to the HHC board, while

brand in the rest of the world Steve Bollenbach, chief executive of HHC, will serve on Ladbroke's board. Mr Bollenbach said that the two companies had decided against a

> regulatory difficulties. The link-up was generally well received in the City. Ladbroke also announced an increase in first-half profits, excluding exceptionals, of 29 per cent, to £73 million. The dividend was unchanged at 2.4p, payable on December 2.

full merger because of tax and

Pennington, page 27

Unions predict sharp increase in strikes

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S trade unions today forecast an increase in industrial action over the next six months because of growing frustration at work.

CALL COLOR The unions' forecast in a TUC survey comes against the background of a flurry of strikes and strike threats: in the Post Office, on the railways, on the London Underground and by British

Business leaders believe that falling unemployment and the possibility of

Labour winning the next general election are contributing to a greater mood of industrial militancy. The survey says there is growing support among employees for "taking a stand" against managements. TUC leaders claim that this mood reflects widespread public views that the balance of power in the workplace has swung too

far in favour of employers. The survey of 73 trade unions, representing seven million employees and carried out for the TUC by the unionfunded Labour Research Department. shows that three quarters of all unions

have organised ballots for industrial

next six months. Four out of five ballots now achieve

shared by the workforce."

action over the past six months. While official strike figures show that industrial action remains at a low level, the survey shows that the proportion of unions taking action has doubled over the past year to 62 per cent, with almost two thirds expecting a further increase in action over the

a "yes" vote for industrial action, up from two thirds six months ago. While most unions use ballots as a bargaining lever, with two out of three

reaching agreement without taking industrial action, when action is taken it is increasingly strike action. But the survey confirms that unions taking action are increasingly choosing shorter, more selective strikes, usually of one or two days. Pay is the main cause of action, followed by enforced changes to working practices.

John Monks, TUC General Secre

tary, says: "People are fed up with being taken for granted, feeling insecure and seeing those at the top reaping rich rewards which aren't

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Lloyd's offer poised

to go unconditional

LLOYD'S of London will announce today whether its £3.2

billion settlement offer has been declared unconditional.

amid suggestions that names in America are to continue their

legal fight. The Lloyd's council met yesterday to consider

whether the offer had received an acceptable level of

acceptances, after an overwhelming response from names around the world. More than 31,000 names — or 90.3 per cent

of members - had agreed to the offer by 4pm on Wednesday.

US names, many of whom had delayed responding because

of uncertainty caused by legal action in Virginia. Nearly 67 per cent of the 3,000 US names had accepted the offer by

Wednesday afternoon. The latest figures are expected today.

Disgruntled US names have vowed to continue their legal

action even if the settlement offer is declared unconditional.

BRIDON, the wire and rope products company, suffered a decline in profits to £2.8 million before tax from £3.5 million in the half year to June 30 but said the results demonstrated

Lloyd's agreed to extend the deadline for acceptances for

Cairn's revenue up to £16m

Cairn Energy, the oil and gas company, saw revenue leap to £16.9 million, from E5.2 million, in the half year to June 30. Oil production rose to 8,435 barreis per day, from 2.797.

Operating profits from continuing operations rose to £3.4 million, from £200,000. Net income was £2.5 million, against £5.1 million previously, when there was a £9.5 million profit from disposals. Earnings per share, excluding exceptional items, rose to 2.73p (0.53p). Cairn does not pay an interim dividend.

Isotron £3.7m

Isotron, a provider of sterilisation services for the medical and chemical sec-tors, lifted profits by 14 per cent, to £3.75 million, in the year to June 30, aided by a maiden contribution by its new business in the Irish Republic. Earnings rose 17 per cent, to 20.2p a share. A 3.76p final dividend makes 5.77p, up 10 per cent.

Antonov hope

Antonov, the developer of a new automatic gearbox, expects to break even in 1997 with the first significant licence fee income. and to make an operating profit the year after. It reported a reduced pre-tax loss of £873,000 (£936,000 loss) for the half year to June 30. Losses per share were 1.23p (1.33p loss). There is again no dividend.

Sunleigh gain

Sunleigh, the consumer and leisure products group. said market conditions remained competitive, with little underlying growth. Pre-tax profits rose to £965,000 (£458,000), in the half to June 30, on sales up to £22.5 million (£20.76 million). Earnings were 0.15p a share (0.06p). There is again no interim dividend.

UK Safety up UK Safety, a supplier of

safety footwear, returned to profit in its half to June 30, earning a pre-tax £314,000, against a £49,000 loss in its previous first half. Earnings were 0.61p a share (0.13p loss), but there is no interim dividend (0.8p).

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R-R confident despite £169m loss for half-year

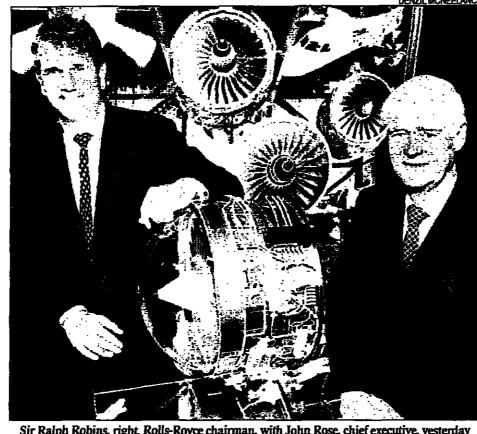
ROLLS-ROYCE reported a first-half loss yesterday because of one-off charges, but was confident about the future and backed its optimism by announcing a major new aircraft engine order.

The company reported a pre-tax loss of £169 million for the six months to June 30. because of exceptional charges of £248 million, compared with a £70 million profit a year ago. The immediate outlook is steady and, with the introduction of new products over the next few years, the com-pany is confident of achieving future growth." it said.

The charges relate to Rolls-Royce's decision to pull out of the loss-making large steam-

power generation business. Sir Ralph Robins, chair-man, said that there had been "significant interest" from potential buyers of that business's Newcastle and Derby plants, although "the negotiations will take time". Some of the 5248 million provision could be written back in the event of a sale, he added.

Rolls-Royce said the results showed the underlying strength of its aerospace group. "Our decision to withdraw from large steam-power generation recognises the need to focus upon those businesses where we have established or can establish leading market positions," Sir Ralph said. Sales from continuing operations rose to £1.77 billion (£1.49 billion). A large part of the increase came from



Sir Ralph Robins, right, Rolls-Royce chairman, with John Rose, chief executive, yesterday

the Allison Engine Company, where sales rose £150 million in its first full six-month

contribution. The order book stood at £7 billion at the half-year, up from £6.5 billion a year ago. Sir Ralph highlighted the importance of growth in orders for spares and said prospects for the civil aviation market were "healthier than for some time". The company an-Losses per share in the halfyear were 12.27p, compared to earnings per share of 4.32p a nounced an order worth up to \$450 million for engines to power Russian-built Tupolev Tu-204 airliners ordered by year ago. Analysts were disappointed that the interim divithe Kato Group of Egypt. The dend, to be paid on January 6. contract covers 13 firm orders was held at 2p. Most analysts and 17 options on the RB211shifted their full-year forecasts slightly higher or lower to around £200 million. 535 engines. The deal represents the production launch of the RR-powered version of the

Daimler makes a speedy recovery

By OLIVER AUGUST

DAIMLER BENZ Germany's largest industrial group. yesterday announced a return to profit after the conclusion of a dramatic year-long restructuring programme which saw the group's portfolio reduced from 35 to 25 business units.

Jürgen Schrempp, the new chairman, said this year had seen the beginning of Daimler's revival but he dismissed reports about a possible merger with British Aerospace.

"Let there be no mistake. We have only just begun." he said. "Our goal remains that achieve a return that is among the top of the world-class companies in each sector where we compete."

Daimler, which makes

Mercedes-Benz cars and trucks, recorded net profits of £340 million for the six months to June 30, up from a speciacular £1 billion loss in the first half

last year. us100 The losses were the result of plans by Edzard Reuter, the former chairman, to turn the group into a technology company. Herr Schrempp has now reversed the plans. shedding thousands of jobs at Dasa, the aircraft subsidiary.

The core car business achieved record turnover of £16.5 billion, up 6 per cent.

Daimler shares slipped on profit-taking. Herr Schrempp indicated that a resumption of Tempus. page 28 dividend payments was likely at the end of the full year.

in the nail year to June 30 but said the results demonstrated encouraging progress from the breakeven position of the second half of 1995. Earnings fell to 2.5p a share from 4.7p. The company is paying this year's interim dividend in the form of a foreign income dividend and is set at 1.72p a share. Excluding the effect of paying the FID the effective dividend was 1.375p (1.324p last time). The shares rose 4½p to 106p. Roskel gives warning

Bridon declines

SHARES of Roskel fell 19p to 90p after the building services company said full-year profits would fall short of expectations. Reporting a fall in first-half pre-tax profits to £643,000. from El.36 million for the six months to June 30, Roskel said trading conditions had proved difficult in the second quarter. Interim profits were further affected by a £367,000 loss relating to a disposal. Earnings were 1.69p a share, downfrom 5.73p, and the interim divided is held at 1.3p. The company has promised to maintain the final dividend.

Keller increases

KELLER GROUP, the international ground engineering company, achieved a 6 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £4.6 million in the half-year to the end of June, with a strong performance in Britain and America helping to offset the adverse impact of extreme winter weather conditions in central Europe. The company's earnings increased by 7 per cent to 4.7p a share. The interim dividend, payable as foreign income, rises 11 per cent to 1.95p a share.

EBRD commits more

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development increased its operational commitments during the first half of this year by signing 33 projects worth 774 million ecus (about £634 million), an increase of 30 per cent over the first half of last year. Half went to the former Soviet Union and half of those to Russia alone. Increases in banking operations, including income from equity investments and treasury operations, resulted in an operating profit of 45 million ecus before provisions, up from 22.98 million ecus.

Whitecross out of red

WHITECROSS GROUP, the chain of dental practices whose shares were floated on the Alternative Investment Market in May, earned pre-tax profits of £5,000 in the half year to June 30, compared with losses of £114,000 in the first half of the previous year. Earnings were 0.13p a share (3p loss). There is no dividend, as stated in the flotation prospectus. The company said that it was likely to incur a loss for the full year. reflecting the cost of opening two practices and the customary reduction in trading over Christmas.

Freepages expands

acquiring a 45.6 per cent interest in TDS Marketing Group, a database management company, for an initial consideration of just over £3 million in cash and shares. A further deferred profit-related consideration, payable through the issue of up to 1.48 million shares, has been agreed. Freepages has an option to acquire the outstanding 54.4 per cent of TDS before January 31, 2001. Freepages is also raising £5 million through a share placing. The shares closed up 1/2p yesterday, at 37p.

Pegasus bid advice

PEGASUS GROUP, the accounting software company that is the target of a £27 million takeover bid by Sage Group, has again advised shareholders to reject this week's unsolicited offer. Yesterday the company reported a rise in profits to £511,000 before tax from £172,000 in the six months to June 30. Earnings improved to 6.5p a share from 1.8p. The interim

Childcare scheme 'must target poor'

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE Institute for Fiscal Studies today criticises the Government's childcare voucher scheme for channelling funds primarily to better-off families.

Poorer families, who tend to use state-provided nursery education, will not benefit because the voucher would be used to buy the services they currently receive free.

The IFS calculates that the net initial annual gain from the voucher scheme for families with a four-year-old would be E345 on average for the richest families, E129 for middleincome families and only £14 for the poorest 20 per cent.

Chris Giles, of the IFS, said: The voucher scheme effectively gives a windfall handout to parents who are already willing and able to pay for private childcare services." The Government should direct subsidies towards lowerincome homes so that their children began schoool on a more equal footing.
The IFS says that subsidis-

ing childcare will cost the State money in spite of in-creasing the probability of some mothers returning to work, so increasing tax revenue and cutting benefit payments. "This effect is outweighed by the cost of subsidies for all families," it says. Childcare subsidies centred on moor families and inhora de poor families and jobless single parents have the greatest flowback from tax and from reduced benefits, the IFS says.

A Government-ordered study published yesterday by Loughborough University researchers says that three in four single parents have to stay on income support because of a lack of dividend is unchanged at 2p. payable October 25. The company said new products had started to generate substantial incremental revenues at high margins. TOURIST RATES

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Davies rejects EMU barrier

By Our Economics Correspondent

HOWARD DAVIES, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, rejected any suggestion that countries remaining outside a European monetary union might be denied full access to the single market.

Speaking to an economic forum in Alpbacj, Austria, he said any attempt to put up protectionist barriers against countries who do not participate in a single currency would be illegal. He said: "Those who seek to establish a link between EMU non-participation and access to the single market are

either advocating the dismantling of the market itself, which would be economically damaging, or supporting unlawful discrimination - or are seeking to impose political pressure through threats and bluster. None of these approaches seems obviously

fruitful at this stage."

He emphasised that the single market pre-dated any move towards a monetary union and that its benefits and validity do not depend on a

Back to school in style —

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view that a single currency is the only sensible way to ensure price stability and extolled the virtue of an explicit inflation target, as used in He said: "We find it difficult

to accept that some form of exchange peg against an anchor currency is unambiguously superior to an inflation target in generating credibility and in giving a clear message to domestic firms and employ-ees that monetary policy will move to a single currency.

Mr Davies also rejected the date inflationary pressures. not be loosened to accommo-

Rise in lending seen as pointer to housing By Our Economics Correspondent

BANK lending rose to £2.61 billion in July, 17 per cent up on the total in June, providing evidence of a continuation of gradual recovery in the housing market, according to the

British Bankers' Association. The BBA noted that this series of statistics is not seasonally adjusted, but July last year saw a 3 per cent fall in gross lending compared with

Seasonally adjusted figures for net lending showed a rise stronger than in June.

of £615 million, against an increase of £591 million in June. New mortgage approvals rose by 3.6 per cent between June and July, a better performance than the 1.3 per cent

rise recorded last year. Tim Sweeney, director-gen eral of the BBA, said that, taking the banking figures with recently published data from building societies, net lending by all mortgage providers seemed to be a little

in the post

By Sarah Jones

Abbey National emerged yes-

terday. More than a million

borrowers received details of new mortgage payments on a drop in the lender's variable

interest rate. In 40,000 cases,

the account numbers quoted

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error, but a problem with quality checking at our print-ers," said a spokeswoman. "We are remailing our custom-

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any inconvenience. No errors

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group cuts interim loss

INCREASED passenger numbers and freight volumes allowed Irish Continental Group, the shipping com-pany, to trim its interim loss by 39 per cent to Ir £1.9 million from just over Ir £3 million for

The company which oper-ates the Irish Ferries' routes

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the same period last year.

between Ireland and Wales. and Ireland to the Continent. traditionally records a loss for the November-April period because most of its passenger business is in the summer. Garry O'Dea, finance director, said that, since the seasonal loss per share had been

mortgage payments." printers will fund printers reduced to Ir7.4p from Ir12.6p remailing. This latest blunder come for the same period last year, the company was set for "satisfactory" full-year results. shortly after an administrative error which delayed mortgage The interim dividend is inapplications made with newly creased to Irl 8p from Irl 5p. acquired National & Provin-The IrE50 million Isle of cial, leaving Abbey liable for Inisfree, which was introcompensation claims, and a duced to the Dublin-Holyhead computer error which cancelled thousands of N&P direct route in 1995, contributed significantly, he said. debit mortgage payments.

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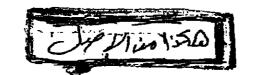
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☐ BRITAIN hands back Hong Kong to China next July. And, for the merchant banking community of London, the date can't arrive too quickly. For nearly a century the colony was a great source of income, wealth and talent. Now it is becoming a pain

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in the neck. While Robert Fleming learns the folly of not keeping a close grip on its business interests in Hong Kong, Hambros is learning that Hong Kong will expose the folly of not keeping a grip on the businesses over here. The purchase of a 3 per cent in the venerable merchant bank by Jim Mellon's Regent Pacific has put a fire under Hambros just at the time when chief executive Sir Chips Keswick, of the venerable Hong Kong family, thought he was dousing down the flames that were lapping round Hambros'

Sir Chips describes Mellon's attack on the bank as gratuitously rude. But even he would admit that many of the criticisms - lack of focus, underperforming businesses et al — are just the things he is trying to address in the stategic review Hambros announced last November by Sir Chips and Michael Sorkin, Hambros' arch dealmaker now drafted in to weave his magic at the bank. The corporate finance team, once described as an

Chips with everything unhappy marriage of Etonians and Estonians, has been strengthened. The banking business has been short of the low grade lending, which should

side is going from strength to strength. And the fund management side? Well Sir Chips is just getting round to that. However, the fact that he would not agree to Mellon's point on the beautifully decorated board is not to Sir Chip's credit. What role does the former private secretary to Prince Charles have in a modern mer-

never have been taken on in the

first place. The private banking

chant bank? Mellon believes one of three things will happen. Firstly Hambros will pull its socks up, buoyed by the recovery in the housing market bringing strong returns from Hambro Countrywide. Then Regent will make a profit from the recovery in the shares and sell out of the mire. Then Mellon will either contact other shareholders and move to oust the management or increase its stake to a point when it can deliver a strategic holding to a

potential bidder. What is clear is Hambros is currently worth a great deal less than its potential. Mellon argues that Sir Chips et al got Hambros into this mess and so are not the people to sort the business out.

What Melion may not understand is that Hambros is a gloriously opportunistic bank a merchant bank in the way merchant banks were 50 years ago and some American banks are now. It needs to be more professional in its approach but it also needs to be independent. If Mellon's ultimate goal is to tempt a bidder for Hambros, then he is making a mistake.

Ladbroke checks into the Hilton

☐ IT may not have been the first thing on Gerry Robinson's mind back in those dark days last November as he plotted the downfall of Forte, but the Granada chief really should take some credit for reviving the whole hotel sector.

Until Granada arrived with its £3.8 billion bid, the hospitality PENNINGTON



business was practically moribund. Management was dominated by second generation family figures such as Sir Rocco Forte and, in the US, Barron Hilton, who generally compared unfavourably with their "legendary" fathers.

Since Granada won its battle, prices and activity have shot up, while City institutions have been handed large quantities of cash needing a new home. Ladbroke has finally caught the sector bug and struck a clever

deal with the Hilton Hotel Corporation that keeps the City The link-up falls short of a

merger, with its inevitable large fees and tax costs, but provides enough potential uplift to satisfy critics of both companies - for

the time being.

The idea of reuniting the Hilton brand is almost as old as the split itself (which dates back to the mid 1960s). The absurdity of not being able to recommend US customers to Hilton hotels in the rest of the world or even to allow them to earn loyalty points abroad was always apparent. But it was only when Barron Hilton finally decided to step down and concentrate on pastimes such as fishing in Alaska that progress was finally made under Steve Bollenbach, HHC's new highly rated chief exeuctive. Mr Hilton had acquired a reput-

ation for erratic behaviour dur-

ing his thirty-something years in charge — understandable if you

have to spend ten years retriev-

ing your inheritance from the

clutches of a nunnery and for a

time had to call Zsa Zsa Gabor For Ladbroke, the deal buys time. But it will have to work hard to put its betting operations, which received a one-off boost from the European Foot-

ball Championships, in order.

One can't help wondering just

By Alasdair Murray

WELWYN Hatfield District

Council is expected to pay

£10 million to Slough Es-

tates, the property company, by the end of next month -

in spite of continuing to

fight a High Court ruling awarding damages of £49 million against the council. Although the money is re-

fundable if Welwyn wins its appeal, a judge has ruled that Welwyn should pay part

of the sum, awarded after

the High Court found that

Welwyn misled Slough Es-

tates over a tenant-mix

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ping development. Slough

spent £77 million developing the Howard Centre, but its

value has tumbled to £27

million since rules govern-

Slough lifted half-year profits by 14 per cent, to £37.4

million. The interim divi-

dend rises 5 per cent, to

3.25p, due on September 17.

Property shares rose after Sir Nigel Mobbs, chairman, said Slough was well placed

to gain from strong demand.

relaxed for the rival.

how long the ambitious Mr Bol-lenbach will be content to allow Ladbroke to hang on to HHC's

Time to tell GEC about Greenbury?

☐ IF George Simpson wants to convince the City that GEC is anything but a dinosaur existing in the land that Greenbury forgot, then he is off to a bad start. To stir up a shareholder revolt before you have even put your feet under the desk when you are seen as the new broom takes some achieving.
The way GEC has handled the

announcement of Simpson's £10 million pay package shows why Lord Weinstock and his company are so irrationally hated by the City. They come over as arrogant and uncommunicative, grudgingly telling the market barely more than the minimum required. To hear fund managers talking about GEC, one would think the company underperformed the market consistently, when quite the opposite is true.

To not put strict performance criteria into Simpson's incentive package is just asking for trouble. While threats from some investors to vote against Simpson's appointment look pretty empty (after all, do they want another succession battle at GEC?), the pay plan has stirred

up a horner's nest.

It breaches the Association of British Insurers guidelines, angers PIRC and has even the

meekest of investors up in arms.
Simpson could enjoy a public relations coup. "I accept strict targets for the company" he can say, knowing that even if he does nothing to GEC it will probably meet them. The Citywill then see meet them. The City will then see him as a breath of fresh air, welcome a new spirit of openness and Simpson can blame the bad communication on Arnie Weinstock.

Trial by trusts

☐ AS Robert Fleming smarts at fines imposed on it, Save & Prosper and Jardine Fleming, it should remember that a Fleming man, Charles Nunneley, chaired Imro throughout the inquiry. Critics of self-regulation say it puts poachers in charge of the trout streams. But Fleming's humiliation looks like swift, effective incharge the self-regulation looks like swift, effective incharges the self-regulation looks like swift. ective justice. The real punishin S&P unit trusts as a result.



Alan Dalby, left, chairman, and Vernon Sankey are aiming to expand in emerging markets on the back of growth in the ranks of the middle classes

further savings from L&F

By Fraser Nelson and Paul Croughton

household products group, has made savings of £30 million after pooling its re-sources with L&F Household Products, the US cleaning products business that it bought for £I billion last year.

Returning interim results for the six months to June 29. the group said further savings of £10 million would be delivered by the year end, on the completion of its £83 million integration programme.

The group is attempting to run its much expanded US number of workers, which has

RECKITT & COLMAN, the meant shutting four of its eight factories in North America and shedding 1,500 jobs. It then plans to pool resources on a global basis, but said savings from this next stage would not be felt for some

In the first half, sales were hit by lacklustre results from Europe as group turnover rose just 4 per cent, to £1.16 billion. Pre-tax profit rose 10 per cent. from £150 million to £165 million. In North America, sales grew less than I per cent, to £374 million. But sharply improved margins, up from

10.6 per cent to 14.2 per cent.

lifted North American operating profits to £53.2 million (£39.3 million).

Reckitt & Colman made £432 million from selling a series of food brands, including Colman's mustard, to pay for the acquisition. L&F products have added names such as Lysol, the US detergent, to the company's existing stable of household names, including Lemsip. Brasso and Mr

The company is also expanding in emerging markets, such as India and Latin America, where the growth of the middle classes has created

strong demand for established brand names.

Vernon Sankey, chief executive, said emerging markets were delivering strong growth. "We have found that people who have little money to spend wil spend it very wisely, on brands they can

Sales to Latin America, Australasia and Africa grew by 9 per cent to £383 million in the half-year, while sales to Europe edged up only 3 per cent, to £402 million. Gearing dropped from 52 per cent to 37 per cent as the group generated a cash inflow of £42.3

million against an outflow of E15.2 million last time.

Analysts were sceptical about Reckitt's overall growth potential. UBS stuck to its year-end pre-tax profit fore-cast of £305 million, which would mark a 7 per cent rise over 1995, before exceptionals.

The company also hinted that it may rethink its dividend policy to provide greater cover. Fully diluted earnings rose from 22.9p to 25.7p a share, allowing an increased interim dividend of 7.95p (7.35p), payable on January 7.

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Hambro reins back estate agency losses

By Marianne Curphey

HAMBRO COUNTRYWIDE final dividend would be douappears close to completing the turnaround of the lossmaking estate agency chain that it bought for El from Nationwide two years ago.
The group has reduced its

half-year, pre-tax loss on estate agency and financial services business to £643,000. from £13 million.

Christopher Sporborg, group chairman, unveiled pretax profits of EIO.5 million for the six months to June 30. compared with a loss of £5.8 million for the same period last year. He said he hoped the

ble the interim, which was 0.5p per share net. Earnings per share were 2.41p, compared with a 1995 half-year loss per share of 1.92p.

Harry Hill, managing director, said: "We have achieved this improvement not out of a rampant housing market ... but in a difficult market." Transactions in July were the second highest since 1994 and he expected the recovery to be "sustained or increased as the year goes by".

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Christopher Sporborg, front, with Harry Hill yesterday

Hartstone plans final cash call

By Sarah Cunningham

HARTSTONE GROUP, the hosiery and leather goods company, plans to complete its refinancing with a E15.4 million placing and open offer.

It will use the proceeds to replace a £9.7 million bridging facility, strengthen the compa-ny's balance sheet and provide additional working capital.

The directors of the com-pany, which ran into financial trouble in 1993, have said they will apply for their full entitlement. The 8 per cent cumulative convertible redeemable preference shares, at £1 each, have all been conditionally

placed with institutional and other investors. Shareholders will vote on the placement and offer on September 23. The open offer is one prefer-

ence share for every 20 ordi-nary shares held. Shaun Dowling, chairman,

said: This represents the one piece left in the jigsaw for the group to complete its refinanc-ing and to start developing the business for the future." Etienne Aigner in the US and Aznar in Spain, two main divisions, are performing well, the company said. Hartstone shares rose 14 p to 124 p yesterday.

US retailer gives up chain smoking

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

THE US tobacco industry has received another slap in the face with a decision by Target, the third-largest discount store chain in the country, to stop selling cigarettes. Many analysts believe that other stores may follow, worried by the growing public feeling against smoking and the rising expense of cigarette retailing.

Target's move is the first significant success in President Clinton's drive to stop the sale of tobacco to minors. The store chain said the cost of complying with new laws to keep cigarettes out of the hands of young people made the business barely profitable.

Target's annual sales of rigarettes amount to about \$100 million, a fraction of its annual turnover of \$15.8 billion. It said its profit from cigarette sales had sunk so low in recent years that its results would hardly be

Wal-Mart Stores and K mart the

two largest discount retailers, said

guns. In 1992, however, it was found by government investigators to be one of the easiest places for teenagers to buy or steal cigarettes, and several of its stores were fined. One problem was that checkout staff did not take the time to check the identification of cigarette buyers for their ages. affected by pulling out of tobacco.

Although discount store chains are only one type of retail outlet for

they had no plans to stop selling cigarettes. Target has a policy of being "family friendly" and does not for tobacco. Target's move could be followed by drugstore chains that sell more cigarettes. Several chains are example, sell Playboy magazine or toy said to be considering the move as profits from selling tobacco slip.

☐ Lord Cairns, chairman of BAT Industries, vesterday wrote to shareholders in an attempt to calm fears over the ongoing legal and regulatory battles in America. Lord Cairns said the tobacco industry remained confident that it would win all pending smoking-related damages cases, including, on appeal, the recent Grady case.

Weak demand Slough awaits from Europe council brakes T&N £10m

By CARL MORTISHED

A SHARP cut in inventories by European car manufacturers has hit T&N, the motor components group, causing a fall in profits and margins in the first half of the year. The company gave warning that demand in mainland Europe remained weak as it reported a decline in operating profit from £120 million to £100 million in the six months to

June 30. Sir Colin Hope, chairman, described conditions in Europe as "bumping along" but insisted that the decline in profit margins would be tem-porary, while the company continued to reduce investment in working capital. T&N's return on sales fell from 11.3 per cent to 9.5 per cent because of redundancy reduction from destocking.

The motor components group could face an extra £50 million provision for asbestosrelated injury claims if T&N fails in its appeal to the US Supreme Court to restore the Georgine Settlement procedure. The company is seeking to overturn a US circuit court ruling which struck down an

injunction compelling claimants to use an administrative procedure to settle claims for asbestos injuries. A decision on its right to appeal is due in October. Failure would double the annual E50 million provision. Sir Colin confirmed that the

company is exploring new avenues to ringfence its asbestos liabilities, including insur-ance. He indicated that the insurance industry's attitude to asbestos was changing. T&N is more optimistic over

its legal battle with the German cartel office, where it is fighting a ruling against its acquisition of Kolbenschmidt, the piston manufacturer. Sir Colin said circumstances had changed as the main complainant had recently tied up with a piston rine m facturer.

After exceptional items and £25 million asbestos charge, T&N's pre-tax profit for the half-year was £58 million. down from £73 million.The company is maintaining the interim dividend at 3p after earnings of 6.5p a share (8.3p).

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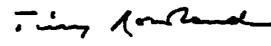
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COMPANIES



American rate fears cast a shadow over London

MORE than £6 billion was wiped off share prices yesterday as the stock market ran out of steam and retreated from the record levels earlier in the week.

A major cause was renewed fears of a rise in US interest rates, after higher than expected new home sales in July and an upward revision of secondquarter economic growth

Shadowing a near 50-point fall on Wall Street at one point, the FT-SE 100 touched a low of 3.883.6. down 34.9. The index clawed back a little ground to close at 3,885.0, down 33.7.

An element of profit-taking after the recent strong rises contributed to the fall and the market was bracing itself for a further drop today if the Dow Jones sinks lower overnight. The long-awaited news of

an alliance in the hotel market helped shares in Ladbroke to move up 5p to 211p. The benefits of the link-up between Ladbroke's Hilton International chain and the US Hilton Hotels were spelt out as Ladbroke announced a 29 per cent increase in half-year profits before exceptional items to £72.8 million.

Bid speculation continued to follow Zeneca, the pharmaceuticals group, with Roche. the Swiss company, tipped as possible buyer. Shares in Zeneca rose 2012p to E15.38. Volume was less than a mil-

Also boosted by bid talk was Lloyds Abbey Life, which added a further 13p to 605¹2p, with rumours tipping the Prudential as a bidder.

Half-year figures from Reckitt & Colman, the household products group, received muted approval from the market. Pre-tax profits of £165 million were at the lower end of analysts' forecasts, but news of progress in the US and the possible promise of a future share buyback helped the shares to add 2p to 68312p.

Disappointment in some quarters at an unchanged dividend of 2p and slower growth in the civil aircraft market trimmed shares in Rolls-Royce. The aero-engines group fell 5¹2p to 225¹2 on turnover of nearly 16 ing an interim loss of £169

million before tax. However, hopes of lucrative orders from next week's Farmborough Air Show helped British Aerospace to buck the downward trend in the mar-



In focus: Bob Ellis of Visual Action, which rose 212p

ket. European aerospace ministers are due to meet at Farnborough to discuss the future of the Airbus consortium of which BAE is a member. Shares in BAe rose 13p12 to £10.08.

EMI Group came to the end of its recent run, as its shares dropped 40p to £14.46. The group suffered from worries over falling sales of

First Information Group.

The spotlight returned to the supermarket sector yesterday with Sainsbury's announcement that it was "on track for 2 to 3 per cent sales growth" after the launch of its loyalty card in June. Shares in rival Tesco were rattled, dipping 9p to 302p, while Asda fell 3p to 110½p.

CDs and cassettes which have knocked shares in a number of

film and TV equipment group whose chief executive is Bob Ellis, rose 212p to 21212p after profits increased 22 per cent to £3.5 million in the first half, helped by a strong performance from its US division. The company, which provided Hp to 248p. W H Smith fell 6p to 504p.

and the Rugby World Cup. and which came to the market in March, is posting a maiden dividend of 1.2p.

which makes CD Roms, continued to lose ground on the Alternative Investment Market (AIM) after Thursday's gloomy news on sales. Its shares fell a further 10p to 90p. Better than expected interim

music retailers.

Shares in Visual Action, the special cameras for Euro 96

figures and an upbeat outlook from Slough Estates, the property group, lifted its shares and provided a fillip to the sector. The shares added

as analysts digested Wednesday's figures from the lossmaking group.

British Land notched up a gain of 13p at one point but

closed ahead 6p at 46112p,

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up op by midday before clos-

ing up a penny l'ap at 193p. Courtaulds was squeezed on news of first-half losses and a warning on second-half trading from Lenzing, its rival. News from the Austrian company served to point up difficulties in the viscose market and the implications for Courtaulds as a major supplier. Its shares ended 812p lower

A profits warning from Tring International, the music and video group, struck a sour note, sending shares op lower to 18120.

Stagecoach, the bus and train group, continues to ride on a wave of positive talk ahead of its AGM next week, when a further update on trading and acquisitions is expected. The shares moved up 16p to 52312p, further helped by a broker's buy recommendation.

Asbestos continues to cloud progress at T&N, once the UK's largest producer of asbestos. Claims costs of £25 million knocked pre-tax profits sharply lower to £58.1 million. The engineering group warned that it may face further hefty charges from US asbestos claims. Its shares fell 812p to 135p.

Further encouraging signs of recovery in the housing market and a strong performance from its life assurance arm helped Hambro Countrywide to climb back in the black in the first half. The UK's largest estate agency group moved up 2p to 88p on ivelier trading.

Amongst utilities, Yorkshire Electricity was star performer, as bid speculation sparked a 15p rise to 77612p. GILT-EDGED: In the wake of Wednesday's Treasury auction the market had a quieter day, holding up better than US treasuries squeezed by US figures on house sales and economic growth.

The Government issued two tranches of index-linked stock. with £150 million 2 per cent 2006 and £200 million 212 per cent 2020. September gilt futures moved up £216 to £107 516, while at the longer end Treasury 8 per cent 2009 Shorts rose £316 to £98532. □ NEW YORK: Renewed fears over interest rates sent shares on Wall Street lower and by midday the Dow Jones Industrial average was down 35.51 points at 5.676.87.

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TEMPUS

Brand new problem

D of convincing the doubters. Reckitt n provided plenty of ammunition for those who are sceptical about the brands. Reckitt's half-year figures some good news: a year on from the purchase of L&F, the US household group. Reckitt has more than on its promises to reduce debt and nufacturing sites in the US have been by half and the company should the full 540 million reduction in by the end of 1996, a year ahead of At the same time, the disposal me is ahead of schedule, borrowings repaid and overheads are coming e company should soon be generating on in free cash flow opening the door share buyback.

performance deserves credit but the

market is rejuctant to oblige. The reason has little to do with financial controls and everything to do with products and markets.

Turnover was flat in the first half. That fact was almost concealed in a confusing presentation of figures that attempted to define an ongoing business trend but excluded the effect of destocking a year previously. Sales in Reckitt's own US operations were some £40-£50 million lower in the first half of 1995 due to the effect of sudden shrinkage in invetories. Adding back the lost sales leaves Reckitt with falling sales in a core market where it hoped to gain from the L&F product lines. If Reckin cannot expand its North American business, the company is left with a question mark over its key strategic move. Managing a collection of highly rated but ex-growth consumer products is not an attractive prospect.

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Countrywide

TWO YEARS ago. Hambro Countrywide bought the Nationwide estate agencies for El, a deal that many feared would cripple the business with a huge increase in overhead. Two years on, the purchase looks canny.

Hambro Countrywide has endured considerable pain in the interval. The past two years have been tough for all estate agents, but Nationwide has turned its estates agencies round from a EI3 million loss into near breakeven over 12 months. A widely predicted 10 per cent rise in housing transactions should be enough to put the Hambro network well into the black.

The only gaps left in the group's distribution network are London and Yorkshire. It

has already attempted, unsuccessfully, to put this right in the North by bidding for small chains but intends to stay out of London, arguing the capital is too volatile because of its dependence on

overseas buyers. Selling houses is secondary to the group's main aim

of selling life insurance prod-

insurance salesmen and 728 estate agencies are more effective than telephone sales. Hambro's offices need only to break even for its gamble to have paid off. That looks achievable this year and the prospect of an increased dividend make the

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T&N

T&N demonstrated yesterday that its management is second to none, but good management cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. Faced with declining vehicle production schedules in Europe and criticism that too much cash was disappearing into working capital, the company put the brakes on

Inventories have been cut by 8 per cent and the process will continue; stock days have been reduced from 84 to 76 with a target of reaching the low 60s in a couple of years. The net effect of this in the first half was a dramatic improvement in cash flow. After tax, dividends and capital expenditure. T&N was cash positive before asbestos claims.

because T&N's albatross the asbestos-related litigation is once again beginning to squawk loudly. The company faces the prospect of doubled provisions over the next

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couple of years - as the anticipated claims reach their peak - if it is unable to reverse a US court decision which opens the door to ambulance-chasing litigators. There are hopes that better information on the actuarial profile of the potential asbestos claims will enable T&N to ring-fence the claims with insurance. But that will only cap the

cash outflow and for that privilege, the company must pay a price. In the meantime, it needs to rebuild its margins in a motor industry running in lower gear. Few components manufacturers boast a double-digit return on sales and T&N will have its work cut out, restoring itself to that elevated position.

Rolls-Royce

ROLLS-ROYCE is either on the verge of a profits boom or a hiccup and it is difficult to find anyone who can provide a conclusive argument for either outcome. The optimists

point to the growing profitability of US airlines and their aging aircraft fleets. Last week's order from United Airlines is a prelude to a surge of civil aircraft orders, they say, and Rolls is in pole position to power the fleets.

But Rolls does little to support the optimists. The wave of new orders has been predicted for years and the company failed to increase the dividend after a good set of results with operating profit up 40 per cent. The huge unknown is the profitability of recent contracts. Hints that its largest order, for Singapore Airlines, is profitable at current cost levels is good news as Rolls expects to reduce its cost base by a third. The market is now expect-

ing Rolls to boost the dividend at the year. Failure to to confidence but if all goes well, investors who gamble today could be in for an excit-

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Copenhagen	8.9076-8.9237	8,9076-8,9163	l'-l'apr	41-31 pt
Dublin	0.9608-0.9633	0.9611-0.9624	n/a	n/a
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BP 5.100	PowerGen 1.100
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three companies in the Robert Fleming group, by watchdogs

in Hong Kong and London did just that — and possibly more. To be fined for administrative mistakes involving personal equity plans as Save & Prosper. part of Robert Fleming's UK unit trust and credit card operation was yesterday, is not unusual these days. Even the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro). headed by Charles Nunneley. admits that this is an extremely complex area, but one that it is nevertheless determined to police with vigour — hence yesterday's £115,000 fine on S&P Plan Managers. This, in police with turn, led to compensation and reimbursement payments total-ling £99,000 being made to 5.499 investors.

More serious by far, however, in both reputational and business terms, is the joint investigation by Imro, the UK authority which polices fund managers and the Securities & Futures Commission (SFC) in Hong Kong. This operation, which began in November last year, concluded that very serious rule breaches had occurred in both jurisdictions over a considerable period of time.

The sequence, starting at the top of the disciplinary pile, goes like this: Imro yesterday fined Jardine Fleming Asset Management (JFAM) £400,000 and has terminated its authorisation to conduct business. JFAM was authorised by Imro in London. while another connected company. Jardine Fleming Investment Management (JFIM), is regulated by the SFC in Hong Kong. The three other Imro regulated companies, each fined £100,000 yesterday, were the London-based, Fleming Investment Management, Flenting Investment Trust Management and Save & Prosper

What happened was that JFAM delegated the task of managing some £810 million to JFIM, as did the three Londonbased Fleming companies which handed over some El.2 billion. Enter Colin Armstrong, a former senior fund manager

Public humiliation of the proud House of Fleming



John Manser, Fleming's group chief executive

and director of JFIM who joined the group as a junior fund manager in the early 1980s and worked in various posts, including the Tokyo office, before moving to Hong Kong in the early 1990s. The focus of the Imro and SFC investigations were for the period between 1993 and 1995. The SFC inquiry established that Mr Armstrong, 42, who

has now left the company and returned to the UK, engaged in the late allocation of shares and other investments after changes in the price of the instruments traded had occurred. In other words, if the price went up he would take the profit for himself, while if it went against him the loss was passed onto the investor. While not admitting liability,







Return from the Hill, a painting in the Flemings art collection in the City

JFIM has agreed to pay compensation totalling some £12 million to the Jardine Fleming Pacific Securities Trust, an authorised Hong Kong unit trust and the Fleming Pacific Fund, a sub-fund of the Luxembourg-based Fleming Flag-

SFC investigators established a pattern of preferential late allocation in Mr Armstrong's trading, particularly in respect of Japanese exchange traded options. This, said the SFC, was reflected in allocations to the former fund managers personal account and allowed him to make 'substantial" profits. These, however, have subsequently been repaid.

At an early stage of the joint operation, investigators became so concerned that other fund managers within the Hong Kong office might be trading for personal gain that KPMG, the accountant, was appointed to inquiire further. But KPMG concluded that Mr Armstrong acted alone. In a separate move earlier this year four traders from the broking division of Jardine Fleming left the company also over four held external trading accounts, a practice now banned by Jardine Fleming.

What irked the watchdogs in London and Hong Kong particularly was that had the proper monitoring and compliance procedures been in place, Mr Armstrong's unauthorised trading activities would have been spotted years earlier. Imro said yester-day: When JFAM became aware of the failings of JFIM in December 1993, it failed to inform Imro that investment business had been delegated to a firm which had dealing and compliance procedures which did not meet Imro standards. In 1994 it also suggested to Imro that there were no significant concerns

about compliance." The watchdog continued: "In addition, when it subsequently lodged a Statement of Representation with Imro in 1994, the failings were not disclosed, despite JFAM being aware that the failings outlined remained uncorrected. However, disclosure of some failings was made in the 1995 Statement of Representation, leading to the investigation."

As a result of these failings Robert Thomas, former chief executive of both JFAM and JFIM, has accepted that he bore the ultimate responsibility for the compliance failings in the companies and has agreed to the termination of his regulatory registration. Mr Thomas, who is in his late 50s, has returned to London, where he is a director of Jardine Fleming Holdings with a brief to look at business developments

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Fleming and Jardine Fleming group say they have considerably enhanced their internal monitoring and compliance systems and personnel, Mark White, formerly investment director of Save & Prosper, was dispatched to Hong Kong in April to become chief operating officer of Jardine Fleming. Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, will assist in the creation of a new and comprehensive procedures manual. But from a broader business

perspective there is again speculation over how long Flemings can remain a private merchant bank with numerous add-on functions. In a relatively short time it has moved from being a respected fund manager with a stable of successful investment trusts to being a securities operation, a corporate financier and much more besides. Earlier this summer Bill

Harrison left Robert Fleming after building a successful corporate finance division to join BZW. This was a blow in a significant area. As John Tyce, bank analyst

at Societe Generale Strauss Turnbull, points out, Robert Fleming shares are held largely by the Fleming family, with a chunk in the hands of staff. With most independents now fallen to the big battalions, isolated. What it has is a fine fund management business. despite mediocre performance by S&P's unit trust stable. If the family waits too long, the value of their shares may fall considerably. By selling now, or setting the process in motion, they could exit with a very handsome payoff -- and the most natural acquirer could be Jardine Matheson

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Rapid decision

IT WAS while white-water rafting in America that Peter George, Ladbroke chief executive, and Ste-phen Bollenbach, former Disney boss and head of Hilton Hotels Corporation. secured yesterday's deal to reunite the two companies. Bollenbach and George were on a trip with their wives, along the Snake River in Idaho, when the decision to tie-up Ladbroke and HHC was made.

Oversight

LOOKING down on Jürgen Schrempp, Daimler's chief executive, at yester-day's results briefing was an unexpected guest. Herr Schrempp, nicknamed "the jovial brute", was seated before a large mock-up green wall, emblazoned with Daimler's logo, at Trinity House, London. Peering over, however, was Sir Winston Churchill, suspended in a large wooden frame, looking suitably bemused to be at a meeting of the German group.

Remote control

MICROSOFT is keeping a close eye on the builders working on its new £65 million headquarters on a 33-acre site in Reading. The US software giant, headed by Bill Gates, has installed a video camera to take snaps of the builders every five minutes. The images are fed via a modern link into the Microsoft internal communication system, enabling project managers and curious staff to call up the industrious scenes from their desktop computers.

Taxing letter

MARTIN ROGERS, consultant and author of this month's champagne-winning lener in Natwest: house magazine, takes staff their tax allowance for cleaning their corporate uniforms, and for risking the wrath of the inland Revenue for failing to keep accurate tax records. He adds: "Perhaps I should be seeking commission!"

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Turnround as Shorts flies in face of political turmoil to a better future

or some employees at Shorts of Belfast the journey to week journey to work is also a journey across the political divide that has paralysed their city and country. Every morning they travel from Catholic West Belfast to the aircraft maker's plant in Protestant

Many are making the journey through Belfast's cordoned-off city centre and the housing estates dominated by the Ulster Volunteer Force. Shorts employs 15 per cent Catholics and is seeking to increase this number.

The company's equal opportunities programme, which seeks to bring Protestant and Catholic workers together as much as possible, has succeeded, while the terrorists and their attacks on Shorts itself failed. As recently as 1990 the plant in East Belfast was the target of IRA bombs.

Today, on the second anniversary of the IRA ceasefire, Shorts is seen as one of the Province's last pillars of stability and has become a symbol for religious tolerance. It finances a number of

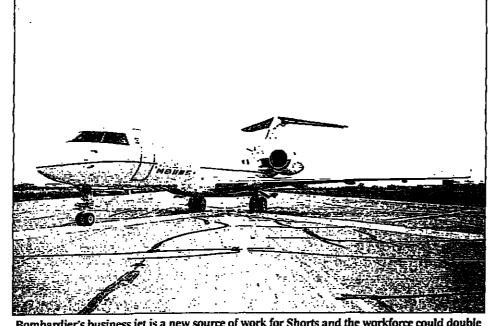
cross-community educational and charitable organisations. It employs 7,000 people in Northern Ireland and through its network of suppliers and sub-contractors another 2,000 jobs are dependent on it. Shorts is the Province's largest manufacturer, generating 10 per cent of GDP.

A UK aerospace analyst said: "The crucial thing to remember is that should anything happen to Shorts, it would have a huge economic and political impact on Northem Ireland. Shorts has been a pillar of stability for the economy - and if the pillar started crumbling it would have shattering repercussions." Fortunately for Northern

Ireland the company is in

million and turnover saw an increase from £353 million to Throughout the 1980s, the company was building up more losses than stocks. The turnround at Shorts began

Oliver August on a journey to success by Northern Ireland's biggest manufacturer



Bombardier's business jet is a new source of work for Shorts and the workforce could double

the state-owned aircraft maker, which also holds the title of being the oldest established aircraft maker in the world. To its rescue came what must be the youngest major player in aviation manufacture.

In only ten years, the Canadian Bombardier Aerospace group developed into the world's fourth-largest builder of civil aircraft. The group is owned, significantly, by the Catholic Beaudoin family who were undeterred by the Protestant heritage of Shorts.

Shorts became the fourth aircraft manufacturer on its books, along with Canadair, Learjet and de Havilland. Already before the arrival of Shorts the group had excelled good health. Last year profits grew by to per cent to £34 at "internal partnerships". But Bombardier's partnerships provided much more. Because all participating companies were responsible ultimately to the same owner, all the usual problems of rivalry and failure to communicate could be kept with the 1989 privatisation of

More than anything else Shorts needed large-scale investments in new technology. When Bombardier executives came to view the sprawling complex of manufacturing halls before the privatisation they were astonished that Shorts was building modern aircraft with tools dating back to the 1930s.

Ironically, when privatisation came, the Government finally had to pay up for years of neglect. To get the ailing company off its books as quickly as possible the taxpayer wrote off £400 million in debts and sweetened the deal with another £450 million for

Bombardier took up the challenge with a revamp both inside the company and its suppliers. New precision tools were complemented by modern management and production techniques. Of its 107 subcontractors at the time of privatisation only a dozen

After seven years in the private sector, Shorts is now a world-class manufacturer. But its focus remains on the work inside the Bombardier group. Earlier this week Bombardier unveiled the latest addition to its fleet of aircraft. The Global Express is a private nine-seat business jet with a difference. It is a long-range plane, said to be the first small jet to be able to fly New York-Tokyo nonstop. To allow business executives to use their time on the aircraft productively, the Global Express has a conference room and a range of desk and office facilities, as well as sleeping quarters. Bombardier already has around 50 orders for the \$32 million

plane and the first two years' output is already sold. Shorts is responsible for the aircraft's all-composite horizontal stabiliser. In addition. the company also produces the forward fuselage, the nose and the main landing gear doors. At the moment the Global

Express production lines in Belfast are only proceeding very slowly but once the aircraft is in commercial production in about 18 months, the workforce involved should swell from the present 300 to Although the company derives £130 million from Bom-

bardier sales out of a total of £430 million, it also has won work on all Boeing commercial airliner programmes, the Lockheed C-I30 transport plane and soon the Westland Apache attack helicopter. Since privatisation, Shorts

has also added new divisions. In 1993, Shorts and Thompson-CSF formed Shorts Missile Systems. The joint venture builds short-range air defence systems such as the Starburst missiles first deployed in the Gulf War.

The fastest growing part of the company is the aviation support division, which combines aircraft maintenance with airfield facilities management. Turnover for the division grew from E4 million in 1992 to E100 million last year through the acquisition of another aviation support company which complements Shorts contracts in the UK and the US with extensive work in the Middle East

Ail was extremely well for Shorts until news in January that Fokker, the Dutch aircraft maker and one of the company's major partners, was about to falter. Days before Shorts had received an order for seven wing sets for the Fokker 70, which now look likely to be the last Fokker parts ever to be built in Belfast, or anywhere else. Fokker planes represented a

piece of 20th-century history. But all the history and nostalgia in the world could not save Fokker, or the 700 jobs at Shorts dependent on it. Fokker's last hope is that Samsung, the Korean industrial giant, will buy the com-pany. If not, then the remaining 300 Shorts employees working on the seven Fokker 70 wing sets will also be made redundant.

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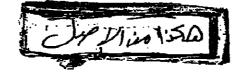
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The Joffrey Ballet go all tacky with Billboards, set to the songs of Prince



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THEATRE: Broadway razzmatazz in Derby; biographical boredom — despite Patricia Routledge — in Chichester

Let's do the big show right here

of big musicals. Maybe a rival has emerged for the Leicester Haymarket, long known as the theatre that stages Broadway hits most persuasively in Britain. The director, Mark Clements, has certainly done Derby Playhouse proud, celebrating his venue's 21st anniversary with this tightly

drilled, charismatic show.
It is, remarkably enough, the first time that Michael Bennett's highly successful 1970s musical about a bunch of dancers competing in a Broadway audition (like the kids from Fame, only further down the line), has been staged outside London. It was last seen there more than a decade ago.

Clements's production, with only a little tweaking and Lycra, places the action in the present day. When asked to confess their ages, the 18 dancers declare appropriate dates of birth as they line up for inspection. They are nervously eager or playing it cool, but all praying they will be the chosen ones as the bigshot director makes his demands from the dark

In this role, David James Waster's Zach seems to be a no-messing taskmaster, sometimes mean. But of course he is really

dancers, making them rake through painful memories, in order to mould them into bigger, better performers.

Sometimes this show is gratingly corny. But Clements, aided by Chris Ellis's intricately shifting lighting, offers arresting visuals opening with misty gauzes and

> **A Chorus Line** Derby Playhouse

mirrors which create the illusion of a cast of hundreds. The actors are a multitalented ensemble, too, and Francesca Whitburn's choreogra-

phy is particularly tight. Sean Kingsley's Mike, the seemingly slouchy Italian-American with his baseball cap on backwards and one eyebrow cocked, bursts into a storming jive'n tap routine, legs splaying, banging the floor on his tiptoes, singing I Can Do That. Tee Jaye's Richie is also a groovy mover, walking on air with the punctuated funkiness of Michael

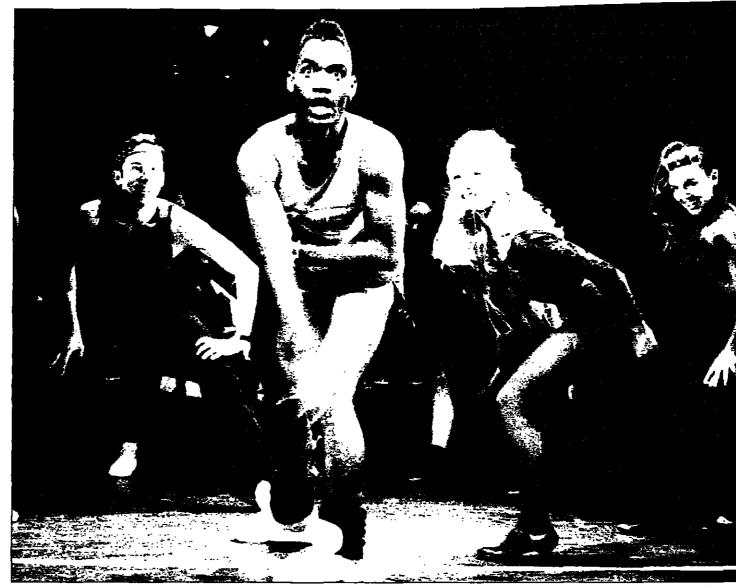
Two rather nitpicking criticisms: some of the cast are not as spot-on when singing solo, and that slight

thumping drums can be tiring. I would also say that many of Marvin Hamlisch's tunes are forgettable, even if he varies the mood neatly - rock n'roll one minute, macabre cabaret the next.

Banality creeps into the book and yrics, too. This you can probably blame on the docu-drama roots of A Chorus Line, which sprang from a dancers' discussion weekend in 1974. Certainly there is humour. Diana (Gina Lee Lincoln), the Bronx-born Puerto Rican, satirises drama school soul-searching classes. But this chorus line themselves end up sounding like a love-in. harmonising about how they just adore their calling (What I Did For

But what the heck. All is forgiven in the finale. Suddenly transported from the bare rehearsal room to a showtime spectacular, the entire company reappears sporting shiny scarlet lamé, descending a silver staircase to take bows. They raise their sequinned toppers as one, reflected from above in tilting mirrors and encircled by flashing, starry lights. It is a transcendentally glitzy goodbye wave. I would not be surprised to see this company high-kicking its way into the West





Mark Clements's cast get their kicks in a first-rate regional production of Michael Bennett's 1970s show about amateur hoofers



Patricia Routledge as Beatrix Potter in a production that reveals nothing new about the children's author

Then I went into Patrick Garland and Judy Taylor's onewoman play at the Minerva. I did not know anything about Beatrix Potter. When I came out I knew rather less. There are, I suppose, more unexciting subjects for a two-hour bio than this tweedy lady sheepfarmer who wrote children's books on the side, and seems to have had remarkably ordinary opinions about pretty well everything but 1'm well everything, but I'm blessed if I can think of any.

Still, the show raises an interesting question. Since when was it compulsory for be exciting? Beckett's Happy Days, in which a jolly-sounding woman jabbers pointlessly while buried first to her waist and then to her neck, is not at all exciting. There were times when Patricia Routledge's Beatrix reminded me of her, buried as she seemed permanently to be in a kitchen in the Lake District and chattering away as she unstoppably did. But then Beckett's Winnie is

Flopsy, mopsy and rotten tale

Beatrix Chichester vanity of human effort, which is hardly the case here. If Routledge's Beatrix symbolises anything, it is the decency of tweedy sheepfarmers who write children's

supposed to

books on the side.

The play begins promisingly, with a clap of thunder and the appearance of a huddled figure draped in sacking and tarpaulin. Is Mrs Tiggywinkle under there? No. and then again yes. Patricia Routledge's Beatrix emerges with a doughty grunt and proceeds to tell us her life story, but with just about everything odd or disturbing left unexplored. We hear in passing that her mother was "disagreeable" and that her

would not let her future husband in the

house. We learn nothing about the whys and wherefores behind this. Beatrix was. it seems, Mrs Tiggywinkle without the prickles. Then again, why not? May-

be we are so accustomed to the tendentious, tell-all school of biography that we unreasonably find a sensible and mainly happy life disappointing.

Maybe there is something refreshing in Garland's refusal to investigate the psycho-pathology of Peter Rabbit or to suggest that Squirrel Nutkin was an acorn-fetishist. Maybe it is comforting to hear a nice woman in an oatmeal coat and skirt describe her

uneventful childhood, or tell how she inadvertently got into writing, or expanate feelingly on the thrush in Mr Beal's garden next door, or advise us that "a happy marriage is the crown of a woman's life", all to the accompaniment of pretmusic and projections of er own book illustrations.

With Routledge in full command first of a brown wig, then of a white wig, and always of the text. it is tempting to think so. After all. she is a marvellous actress, as anyone knows who saw her in that Alan Bennett monologue about the doggedly cheerful cancer victim.

Here she effortlessly radiates pastoral enthusiasm and. when recalling the premature death of a much-loved publisher, even a bit of anguish. But next time would she kindly tackle a richer character? It need not be Phedre or Cleopatra. Jemima Puddleduck would do.

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MUSIC: Proms and Edinburgh Passion overdue

IF WEDNESDAY'S Prom. the first of two by the Berlin Philharmonic had begun the way it finished everybody would have gone home happier. For this was an all-Brahms concert and Brahms without turbulence, fervour or any sense woodwind soloists, spinning silver threads across

of hard-won victory is hardly Brahms at all. That, sadly, was what was served up in the First Piano Concerto, Radu Lupu, sagging at the keyboard like a left-over hippie, dabbled at passagework that demands heroic intention. He was prosaic in his phrasing, and diffident where he should have been commanding: in his relationship with the orchestra. His famed introspection

served the Adagio better.

But this was an interpreta-

tion that turned a young

man's ardour into middleaged spread. That was sad for a huge crowd that had come with high expectations. But matters perked up after the interval, when Claudio Abbado conducted a beautifully styled performance of the First Symphony. True, it was a reading more notable for gorgeous opulence than drama. But that characteristic Berlin sound certainly ravished the ear: a strong,

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this vast arena. Only the

there were some surprising botched notes. Abbado's interpretation was rather even-keel until the finale. But after a stunning build-up to that triumphant movement he let the players off the leash. The results were electrifying. For 15 minutes (including two Hungarian Dances. tossed off as encores) we were left in no doubt that we were hearing a great orchestra. But the demonstra-

tion came rather late. Several larger questions Haven't we heard the Berlin Philharmonic play Brahms and Mahler a lot in London? Indeed, does it ever play anything else? And is that a reflection of our conservative tastes, or of a virtuoso orchestra's unnecessary caution?

RICHARD MORRISON This review appeared in later

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Rocking their way into a midlife crisis

are by no means mutually exclusive. Twyla Tharp proved that in the early 1970s in America when she set Deuce Coupe to songs by the Beach Boys. Twenty years later in this country. Christopher Bruce had the biggest hit of his career with Rooster, music courtesy the Rolling Stones. For 25 years choreographers have been tapping into the instant accessibility of popular music, and sometimes the results have been terrific. But have they ever been worse than Billboards?

This is the mega-hit which the Joffrey Ballet of Chicago now brings to London (Edinburgh has the pleasure next month), trailing the sort of hype usually associated with the pop industry. And why not, since Billboards is set to songs by Prince, or the artist formerly known as Prince. The Joffrey, the outfit formerly known as a ballet company. has danced little else for the past three years - Billboards grossed more than \$10 million in its first year, so you can

This ballet might have had a fighting chance if the Joffrey's director, Gerald Arpino, had been more astute in his choice of choreographers. There are four, each one responsible for one Billboard (so-called because the backdrop is a billboard), and the only thing that links the sections is the fact that they are all unworthy of their success.

Laura Dean opens proceedings with Sometimes It Snows in April, an inoffensive, limpid affair that at least pays lip service to the Joffrey's classical heritage. The Bayadère-inDANCE

Billboards

spired procession that kicks things off is fun. although Dean quickly falls back on lazy and anodyne choreographic doodles, asking the dancers to twirl and high kick their way through some sadly superficial writing.

Much worse follows.

Charles Moulton contributes two numbers in Billboard II (Thunder and Purple Rain) of unbelievable vulgarity - and, suddenly, the Laura Dean is starting to look pretty good. Moulton's band of greenhaired punks having a raveup in hell evinces not a jot of wit: and the sexual invitation explicit in his choreography wouldn't seduce a starving Don Juan.

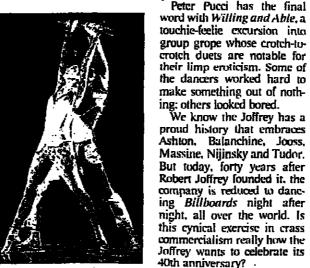


Entwined in vulgarity: Julie Janus, Tyler Walters

Festival Hall

the Joffrey. Here she is dressed like Pierrot and having a crise de costume while Prince's guitar wails through Purple Rain. Her what should I wear tonight, darling?" histrionics are a risible piece of ludicrous invention (I'm sure apocalypse is meant to figure in Moulton's thinking somewhere). And even a change of clothes into a gold

lame carsuit isn't enough to calm her down. The Chippendales meet Flashdance in Margo Sappington's nightmare third Billboard. Hunky men in minimal attire thrust their well-muscled shoulders in our faces, while women in fishnet present their groins for libidinous inspection. The whole thing is tacky and insincere, and completely lacking the gloss of its antecedents.



sweet string ensemble, living every phrase to its full A way with Haydn

OF ALL the ways of performing Huydn sympho-nies heard at the Edinburgh Festival in the past few weeks. Frans Bruggen's is perhaps the most attractive. A visible example of Bruggen's Orchestra of the 18th Century's attitude was the bright red uniforms worn by the three percussionists in the Symphony No 100 in the first of two

concerts in the Usher Hall. This emphasised the peculiarity of a score written to be performed in London during the Napoleonic Wars. Towards the end of the Allegreno it is dramatically riven by a gruffly warlike trumpet fanfare.

it was not uncharacteristic of the less than precise ensemble secured by Bruggen's somewhat vague direction in the second concert that the "surprise" in Symphony No 94 was more like two surprises, one happening a fraction of a second after the other. But it was also characteristic that the seriously violent event of the last movement registered its full shock value.

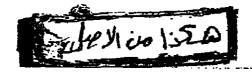
When their distinctive qualities are so vividly realised, three of Haydn's London symphonics in one evening, together with a

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fourth the following day, did not seem too many. It was cheering, however, just this once, to know that Beethoven wrote only one violin concerto. Had there been another the festival, in its present mood of trainspotting zeal, would surely have included it and Thomas Zehetmair might well have given it the same sort of treatment as he applied to the Violin Concerto in D.

It was a risky performance. The very slow and very quiet interpretation of the slow movement put such a strain on periodinstrument intonation that it became a distinctly uncomfortable experience. Unacceptably excessive was the soloist's self-indulgence in the cadenzas: there were more of them than usual: they were too long; and they were unmusical. Zehetmair was rewarded by prolonged cheers. He also provoked the first boos in the Usher Hall this year.

GERALD LARNER





POP 1

Christy Moore has poured his troubadour soul and impish poetry into a new album



POP 2

Highest of highs, lowest of lows: the Stone Roses have experienced





CABARET

Lorna Luft deftly evokes the great Broadway musicals in her residency at the Café Royal



■ TOMORROW

How will the great Peter Stein stage Uncle Vanya? Read Benedict Nightingale's view

How to bottle the essence of Ireland

hristy Moore may have found a cure for the eternal dilemma of the live performer. The seapned Irish campaigner can ease to any concert hall armed only ith in acoustic guitar and singleandedly commandeer the estabshrient. But put him in a conding studio and the magic sappears — until now, that is. It is 30 years since the former ant clerk from Newbridge near bullin first travelled to England to haice his skills on the folk club ircit. The road to fame was not vitiout its stumbling blocks, but it ed to his entirely justified reputtin as one of the most compulsive an exhilarating live musicians of

ike so many artists before him. More has yearned to bottle the irpish poetry of his live persona an uncork it in the soundproof nausoleum where he is obliged to enduct his day job. And for the fst time, it seems that he may have secceded.

Next week Grapevine Records tleases his new album Graffiti ongue, another powerful mixture i pert humour, damp-eyed wistfuless and poignant social observaon. Determined to overcome the uffocating formality he felt whenver tapes were rolling and faders liding. Moore decided to treat the place as if it were a concert hall and use minimal post-production. He ook the plunge and recorded virtually live in the studio - with cathartic results.

"The studio to me is a cold, sterile kind of place," he says. "To people who have amassed the knowledge to use a recording studio, it's a lot more comfortable. I can be easily daunted by the coldness. I have never embraced the studio ambience, whereas I have taken the auditorium to heart.

Before I was always a bit scared.

The folk singer Christy Moore was a hit on stage but a self-conscious flop in the studio. He tells Paul Sexton how he

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looking at the engineer to see what he really thought. This time around I had enough confidence to use my own judgment, to say 'that's not right, I want to do it again'. I didn't

care what anybody else thought." Moore made two attempts to record Graffiti Tongue before set-tling in a studio in West Cork. and he speaks in the sleeve notes about working on the

songs in such Utopian-sounding spots as Innis Maan, Inchicore and the Bog of Allen. Whatever the preparation, it worked — the result is an album at once soothing and thought-provoking.

The opening, concealed salvo is Yellow Triangle, an invocation to speak out against injustice that was inspired by

the words of a victim of the Nazis: "I did not speak, I did not speak, eventually they came for me and there was no one left to speak". By contrast, the album closes with Rory's Gone, Moore's affectionate

farewell in song to the great bluesrock guitarist Rory Gallagher.
Along the way he throws his
customary handful of spanners
into the cogs of conventional wisdom, especially on God Woman ("she spent seven days creating the world ... then she opened up her ribcage, pulled out a little man, she put him down on the plains of Kildare and the human race

conquered his fear of the microphone began"). "I'm uncomfortable with having the male deity shoved down my neck all the time," he says by way of innocent explanation, "Why does it have to be He? Nor do 1

believe in She-God or It-God." The track to which passers-by will be drawn first - and the song due to be a single when Moore plays in London in November - is

North and South of the River, which he co-wrote with Bono and The Edge of U2. Much as people may zero in on the rock star connection, egos are checked at the door by any of his collaborators.

"When Bono's with me he's not a rock star, he's just another human being and we have a very good time to-gether," says Moore. "I started

writing that song five or six years ago and thought it was almost finished. But there was a line which said 'Let us walk together and hear the cornerakes singing in the meadow and the first thing Bono did was to get rid of all the corncrakes in the meadow. If you're going to collaborate with someone, you've got to collaborate."

While he may have started to make his word law in the studio, Moore has always needed the opinion of an audience, whether on stage during his career or at home in his teens in Newbridge, from his

highly musical family. "The first person I sang with was my mother." he recalls

Asked whether his mother is still around, he answers with a laugh: "She's still around, but she's dead. She's around in my head, in the heads of all my family. We talk about her a lot, we feel her presence. She died four years ago

while I was demo-ing King Tuck.
"She was a big influence right through my career, my main critic. She had a great ear for a lyric. Even when I was in my late forties, she would still tell me when I was doing things wrong."

The household in which Moore was raised certainly shaped his future calling, but unlike those whose lives changed forever when they first heard rock'n'roll, his career was tugged in another direction: towards folk music.

"I was exposed to a lot of music as a child," he says, "but the next thing I can remember hearing was Ella Firzgerald singing Swinging Shepherd Blues. There was Tommy Steele, Elvis of course, Bill Haley . . . then Liam Clancy and all the other things were gone. I plugged into the Clancy Brothers. got the guitar and it was a whole different thing."

As the eager followers who pack concert halls to hear Christy Moore will soon judge, Graffiti Tongue is a fine example of his whole different thing".

"If I hear something of mine from the old days, I can recognise who I'm trying to copy, like maybe Ewan MacColl," he says. "Then you go on, you're struggling to have your own style. You wake up one morning and you find the voice with which you're comfortable."

◆ The album Graffiti Tongue is re viewed on Page 36. This of the second of the seco



tour. Two

In a few unnerving mintes, in a recording stu-lio on the rue de Seine, Martn Taylor could be forgiven for wishing that he had chosn a younger, fitter collab-drant than Stephane Grapelli. As the octogenerian violiist, confined to a wheelchai and still recovering from a but of pneumonia, fluffs onetake after another in his solon Chicago, an unmistakablair of unease descends on

theontrol booth.) the 60 years since he first olved with Django Reinhadt's Quintette du Hot Club deFrance, Grappelli has neveffelt at home in the impersaal surroundings of a sidio. The bandstand has avays been his true home. "Vith studio music, you must kve the heart in a good pace," he says. "I had the ame experience with Django. always felt a little apprehenve at first, but when I heard ljango playing those fabu-sus chords behind me, my erves went away." To help him along, Taylor

Hot club of Paris

A recording session brings together two

jazz originals born half a century apart

tries singing the opening notes. Even though they were born almost 50 years apart, the two men share the same lyric, improvisatory temperament. The timeless Reinhardt-Grappelli discs had furnished Taylor with his earliest musical experience, and he ioined Grappelli's group in his early twenties for what became an II-year stint. Three years ago they came together again for a

duets album, Reunion. Soon afterwards, Taylor launched his acoustic group, Spirit of Django, which adds its own distinctively modern twist to Hot Club standards.

Now they are together again, for an album called, aptly enough, Years Apart.

> follows another of Chicago, Grappelli begins to warm to the task at hand. Once he makes sense of a missing downbeat, his confidence grows perceptibly, the legato lines stretching further and further across the beat. "I'm starting to like this tune. finally," he murmurs.

When producer Calum Mal-

colm moves on to Dinah the

playful notes tumble against each other. Standing near the mixing console as he listens to the playback, Taylor looks amply satisfied: "I'll have a large drink tonight," he says.
When his three numbers are finished, Grappelli waits to be taken downstairs to the street. He has to catch a plane to Cap Ferral there to rest in one of his favourite hotels.

CLIVE DAVIS • Years Apart is released by Linn records. Taylor begins an extensive national tour at the Village The-

atre, East Kilbride on September 4

At Reading, the band that wanted to be adored took our love and broke it into little pieces

This is, that was, the Stone Roses

Three-headed calves in formaldehyde. Root vegetables in the shape of Christ's face. Bearded ladies and the Fattest Man in the World - none of these freak show acts can have attracted half the morbid curiosity that the Stones Roses created at last week's Reading Festival. And what happened? Catcalls, whistles and - most damning of all - laughter from a 40,000-strong audience, many wearing Stones Roses T-shirts.

The whole affair reads like an Aesop fable: the Depressing Story of the Stone Roses. In 1989, Reni, Mani, John Squire and Ian Brown recorded 45 minutes of beautiful pop, and instant godlike status was conferred on every cell in the four men's bodies. The Roses then embarked on a bitter and long-running court case with their record company, in order to break their contract and seek a more lucrative deal elsewhere. In 1991 they signed with Geffen and started work

on their second album, assuring their fans that the album would be out within the year. This statement was photocopied and reissued in 1992, 1993 and 1994. Throughout these years the band were silent and fans were left to wonder.

In 1995 the Roses' second album was finally put on the release schedule, but there were to be no interviews, no tour, and no copies of the album sent to the press

before the release date. As the reviewers heard The Second Coming only on the day of release, most write-ups were inconclusive. The general feeling was one of unease with the new, Led Zeppelin-esque direction, but the hope that the album would be "a grower". It was not to be. The Second

Coming sold only half what its predecessor had. The Roses still



MORAN

followed him. Squire, who played fluid, light-filled lead guitar, wrote the music and most of the lyrics. All that was left of the once-glorious Stone Roses were Mani, the bassist, and Brown, whose inability to

months after the album

was released Reni, the

Roses' lithe and innovative

drummer, left the band. Six

months after that, Squire

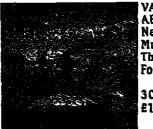
locate and keep a note was legendary. Anonymous session musicians were drafted in, former members of Hot Chocolate and Simply Red among them. It was this line-up that headlined the last day of the last festival of

As so here we are in a field, waiting for the Oasis of their day to prove that the arrogance of the past seven years was justified. The band take the stage, and the first notes of I Wanne Be Adored ring out bright and true: 40,000 people know that the first lines are "I don't have to sell my soul/He's already in me", the encapsulation of the Robert Johnson/Devil at the crossroads barter, to be delivered in a triumphal croon.

Instead, we get a brutal, hideous noise; a horror-show that cuts dead the party atmosphere in three seconds flat. People are laughing before the chorus. People are crying by the end. A band that could soar and fly where ever the mood took them, reduced to playing only to the drunk, the drugged and those who are laughing too hard to leave. This is our new guitarist Aziz," Brown says at one point, his face twisted, his tone petulant. "At least he wants to play with us."

And the moral is: you can only act like a rock star when you have the ability to rock. Anything else is unjustifiable arrogance.

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IT IS a brave singer who builds a cabaret set around songs drawn almost exclu-sively from musical theatre. Without firm anchorage in a plot and denied the trappings of costumes or scenery, the songs demand hard work from the vocalist. Yet on a couple of occasions during her set at the Green Room, Lorna Luft managed brilliantly to evoke a wider setting than the confines of her small

Slipping into the character of Miss Adelaide in Guys and Dolls which she played on Broadway, Luft dripped and sniffed her way through A Person Can Develop A Cold. She was equally effective in summoning up the inner strength of Mrs Lovett from Sondheim's Sweeney Todd in No One's Going To Harm You, a quiet and delicate song in which the clarity of her voice was remarkable. Indeed she excelled in all the more intimate numbers in her programme, including What Did I Have That I Don't Have Now? from On A Clear Day, although here despite a lengthy preamble, she failed to give the audience a proper context for Lerner's lyrics

CABARET

Lorna Luft Café Royal

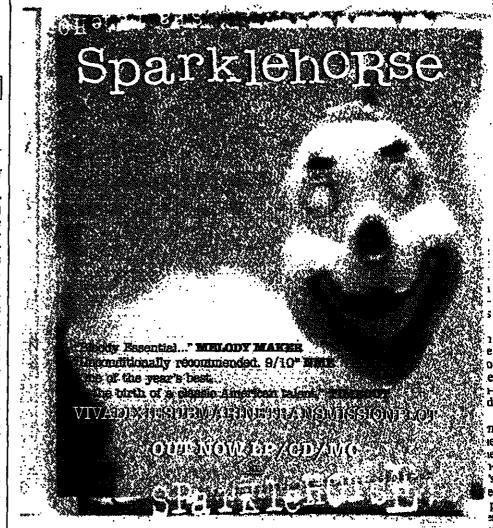
about the psychic evocation of 18th-century London. Luft's career takes her more

often into large halls and theatres than such intimate surroundings as the Café Royal, and occasionally the strength of her voice was almost too much for the room. On her forthcoming British tour with Wayne Sleep she will be singing in venues more suited to that power, but here her triumphs were on a smaller scale, particularly when she sang to the solo piano of her musical director Colin Freeman.

In these hushed moments, Luft is a star with a mesmeric stage presence. Her most impressive achievement is that this persona is entirely her own - she has no need to trade on her impressive lineage as the daughter of Judy Garland and half-sister of Liza Minnelli.

ALYN SHIPTON

Pop and jazz record reviews are on Page 36





POP ALBUMS

Suede, the band that Britpop forgot, burst back with the estimable Coming Up

the Chamber Orchestra of Europe in Mccart's Prague Symphony and Schubert's North Symphony. Albert Hell, Kensmjon Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight-Sun

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runs unit Sunday. Highlights include the Oxford Stage Company's production of Hamlet, while Friends of Dorothy is a portreit in words and music of two

Americans — writer and humorist Dorothy Parker and musician Dorothy Rold The testival's American Connections music theme is upheld by the Couli Quartet, which performs Dvoids is American Quarter and Serruel

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International Festival begins with a delignitury varied song recall by the international mezzo-sopranio Arim Neurray (today, Queen's Hall, 11am) Al 7 30pm (Lisher Hall), Beethoven specialist Afred Brendel joins the Cleveland Orchestra for the composer's Prano Concerto No 1 which is sandwiched between wo lves and Brahms, the conductor is

Christoph von Dohnarry: Friday ends with a late-right concert (Usher Hall. 10 30pm) by the Orchestra of the 18th Century, which performs Rameau's wbrant and virtuosic Les Fêtes d'Hebe. eums only

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On Saturday (Queen's Hall, 11am), the prenici András Schiff loads an outstanding group of instrumentalists in a final selection of Brahms's chember music for pano. Once again. Frans Brüggen mourits the podium to conduct the Orchestra of the Eighteenth Century in a Chifforn's Concent (suitable for six-year-olds and over), teaturing works by Bach, Gluck, Beethoven, Haydin, Mozari, Schuberl and Mendelssohn (Usher Hall, 2 30pm). Then, at 8pm (St. Curibert's Church), the Lindsays bring the Haydin Sking quartel. Cutriber's Churchi, the Lindseys bring the Haydin string quartel retrospective to a close Finally, at 8pm (Usher Hail), Sir Chertes Mackenas conducts the Orchestra of the Age of Endgherment and the Edinburgh Festival Chrins in a sell-out performance of Mendelssohn's cratorio Elijah, with Bryn Testel in the fille role Feetival box office (0131-225 5756)

□ BY JEEVES: Delightful musical creation by Alan Ayckbourn and Andrew Lloyd Webber, based on the Wodehouse heroes: first attempted 20 years, ago, now entrely revised.

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MARTEN GUERRE. The latest Boubil/Schonberg musical brings banal lynes to a confusingly told tale Prince Edward, Old Compton St. W1 (0171-447 5400) Mon-Saz, 7 45pm. mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

THE ODD COUPLE: Ned Smoot's play wears well, but Jack Klugman and Tony Randall really are getting on a bit Theatre Royal, Haymanki, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Fri, Sprn; Sal 8 15pm mats Thurs, 3pm, Sal, 5pm, § ON THE TWENTIETH CENTURY Ketniyn Evans and Michael N. Harbour play volable move star and extravagan New York to Chicago express. Directed by Carol Melicalle whose Damin

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Suede's masterly new album reinstates the band as leading pop chroniclers of life in white-trash. low-rent Britain

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SUEDE Coming Up

HAD THEY not parted company so acrimoniously with guitarist Bernard Butler during the recording of their second album, 1994's Dog Man Star, Suede might well have been motoring fast enough to turn that wretched Oasis v Blur hypefest into a three-car race. Instead, and despite the instant recruitment of then 17-year-old substitute Richard Oakes from the classified ads section of Melody Maker, they lost commercial ground and with the exception of a rain-soaked appearance at last year's Phoenix Festival, all but retired themselves from

the Britpop grand prix. At the risk of overstretching though, the band that reemerges with Coming Up is an altogether sleeker vehicle aerodynamically-designed songs, fuel-injected performances and relatively low emission of the various camp/glam rock references that frequently distracted from singer and writer Brett Anderson's skill as frontman and commentator. First single Trash, although enjoyable, is the chief offender on that front and should not be taken as

representative of the album. The remaining nine songs are sharp, focused and wonderfully acute in their shorthand depiction of a whitetrash, low-rent Britain. A rare ballad, Picnic By The Motorway, although shamelessly dependent on Lou Reed's Perfect Day for its melody, is the absolute star turn, but the album as a whole only dips

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FIONA APPLE

Tidal (CBS 48377750 4/2) WITH the phenomenal success of Alanis Morissette proving that there is a potentially vast market for women singersongwriters who are anything but the shrinking violets of stereotype, hopes must be high at CBS for this teenage New Yorker's debut LP. Not that she sounds anything like Morissette: Apple has a big. rich yet strangely intimate voice which she places amid slow, piano-and-bass settings an anory ewaths guitar. As for writing influences, she credits an unusual pop muse, Maya Angelou. But from the opening Sleep To Dream to the closing Carrion.

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Jacksons but before we ever Irish incarnation, with as heard of Boyz II Men. there was New Edition - the combination of close harmonies. clever stage choreography and an acute pop/R&B sensibility always was, and continues to be, highly saleable. Bobby Brown left the five-man lineup in 1987 to, variously, make records independently, marry Whitney Houston and check into rehab, and things fragmented further from thereon in. Replacement lead Johnny Gill and original member Raigh Tresvant have also had individual careers, and the remaining three recorded sep-

arately as Bell Biy DeVoe. Although this fashionablyproduced set brings all six back together, no track on the album even comes close to the swapper of solo bits such as Brown's My Prerogative or the light-as-a-breeze soul of Tresvant's Sensitivity. disappointment.

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written or co-written. The

resulting set communicates

with a new and welcome immediacy. Its radio-un-

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few newcomers are drawn in

by it, but fans of old will seek it

out and love it.

CATATONIA You've Got a Lot to Answer For (Blanco y Negro NEG93CDDJ) THINGS are looking good for Catatonia. This month there have been well-received sets at the Phoenix and Reading Festivals, appearances support-ing the Manic Street Preachers lie ahead in October, and Radio One has been playing this subtly appealing single (the Welsh fivesome's third) ahead of this week's release. Yes, they're a guitar band. But the artless approach of singer Cerys Mannews she flirts with the melody.

ALAN JACKSON

rather than embracing it -

contrasts neatly with the ener-

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JAVON JACKSON A Look Within (Blue Note CDP

243 8 36490 2 0) ALTHOUGH the bulk of US tenor sax player Javon Jack son's recorded work has lea tured him in relativel straightforward hard bo settings, either with Ar Blakey's Jazz Messenger c various alumni such as trum peters Freddie Hubbard in Brian Lynch, this altun broadens his scope considera bly, including material by Egberto Gismonti, Frank Zappa. Muddy Waters and Serge Gainsbourg alongs le that of core jazz composes such as Charles Mingus at

Hank Mobley. Thus while the album heart — Hubbard's swingir Leap Frog. swiftly followed skilful amalgamation Mingus's Peggy's Blue Sk light and Duke Ellington Sound of Love — is thus firm! in the cultured modern main stream mode, its considerable success is rooted in its more adventurous excursions into less well-travelled territory. Singer Cassandra Wilson makes a telling contribution to Muddy Waters's Country Girl, drawling out the brand of postmodern blues she has made her own, but it is Zappa's Zoot Allures, showcasing Lonnie Smith's darktoned organ and Fareed Haque's multi-textured guitar work, which best highlights the album's main strength; an informal, warm group sound.

MARTY EHRLICH New York Child

(Enja ENJ-9025 2) ONE of jazz's great unsung heroes, lauded by aficionados for his multi-reed section,work in big bands such as the New York Composers' Orchestra and his cogent vet adventurous contributions to the snall-er bands of the late Don Grolnick and drummer Bob-: by Previte. Marty Ehrlih is probably best approache by newcomers through his superb Enja recordings. Veu York Child is his fifth forthe German label, and featles the leader's astringent Ito and soprano, and his agilerer round-toned clarinets, aldgside the full-bodied tenorof long-time partner Stan Strkland, impeccably supportd by pianist Michael Cain, batist Michael Formanek all drummer Bill Stewart. The material consists of intel gent, subtly swinging Ehrlid originals, but highlights i clude a deliciously melancho bass-clarinet feature by th late Julius Hemphill, Georgi Blue, and a Coltrane-influ enced Jerome Harris compos tion, Turn Again.

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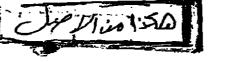
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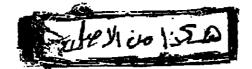
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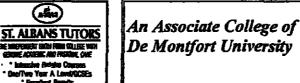
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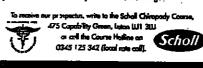
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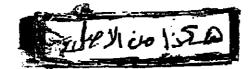
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Marriott decided the philoso-

phy and English literature

course she applied to at Edin-

burgh University was no long-er suitable. "I had been

sparked by my experience abroad and wanted to learn

Chinese," the 23-year-old says.

She graduated this year with a

2:1 in philosphy and religion, specialising in Chinese, and

once the Tibetan-themed play

she is co-producing at Edin-

burgh ends will attend the Peking University of Lan-

guage and Culture to learn

Chinese. I hate thinking

about what I'd be doing if I

had not had a year off. It gave

me the direction I never had

The number of students

choosing a gap year is still relatively small. Ucas figures

show that about 6 per cent of

univeristy last year chose to

defer entry. According to

Rosamund McDougall, who

edits The Gap Year Guide-

book, many are still unaware

Jennifer Curry, who taught

English and music in Goa

organised by Fill the Gap after

dropping out of Roehampton

opponents of league tables

because it underlines the fact

that there is more than one

way of looking at a school's

performance, even in the limit-

ed field of examination results.

The tables certainly are not

of the other opportunities.

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Women wear hard hats and boots, too

irls of my generation read books such as What Katy Did and What Katy Did Next and played with dolls while L ng a boy, built models with Meccano. I don't know what Katy finally did, but her chances of becoming a engineer, say, were

For girls at school today it is a different story. At the start of July some 5,000 schools were invited to the University of Bradford to discover "some of what Kate does ... as a civil engineer". The colourful poster sent from its Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering suggests that Kate is into hydroelectric power, bridges, rivers, dams and oilrigs. The three-day programme involves group exercises, projects, a visit to industry and a talk by a female engineer.

Dr Adrian Hyde, the course engineer, clearly sees the need to recruit more girls into civil engineering. "At present the department has 15 per cent female students and we recognise that this is not good enough."

Nationally, figures from the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service representing UK students on courses in 1994 show that in the field of civil engineering women made up only 13 per cent of the total. Quoting these figures in a report by the Construction Industry Board published this summer, the Equal Opportunities Working Group shows that the tide may be turning.

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More girls are seeking careers

in engineering.

Roger Eames examines this

growing trend

"Over the past 15 years, the number of males graduating each year in civil engineering showed a steady decline is now rising. The number of temales graduating in civil engineering has risen consistently over the same timespan ... an increase of nearly threefold".

Among their observations following on from the 1994 Latham report Constructing the Team, was that: "Companies cannot afford to disregard the growing number of women with technical degrees. Company literature needs to feature women."

For girls looking at engineering recruitment literature in general, a picture of a female is a rare bird. This year's Careers in Civil and Structural Engineering magazine, published by the Institution of Civil Engineers' careers service, has on its front cover a picture of a woman construction worker.

The hard-hatted and hardworked engineer is one of four female role models included, but readers need patience to find her and her female colleagues — halfway through the publication.

after ten male features. As for university prospectuses, too many show female students looking on, while a male student does something interesting.
The Women into Science

and Engineering (Wise) organisation entered the fray 12 years ago, set up by the Engineering Council and the Equal Opportunities Commission. Marie-Noëlle Barton, its manager, offers a range of booklets, posters and a fleet of mobile teaching coaches. She also sends out copies of an excellent video. In Wise Up!, produced in a contemporary Top Of The Pops style, Ms Barton sees the role of Wise as vital in combating construction

"It is important to start reaching young girls from the primary school stage, and also their parents and teachers," she says.

industry stereotypes.

"By the time they are teenagers the damage may already be done. They may feel unfamiliar with hard materials, mechanical and technical tasks, having been brought up on soft toys and suitable' pastimes for girls." So is the message getting

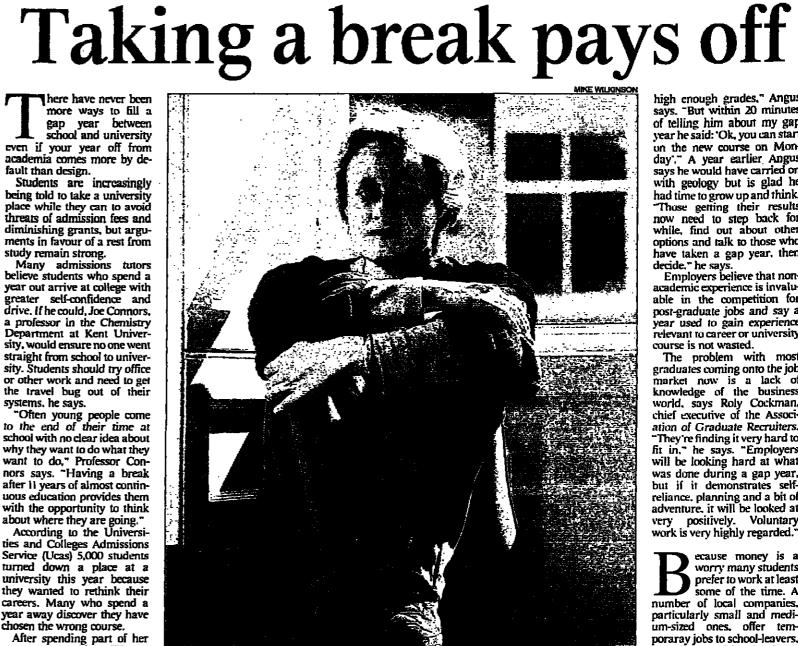
through to today's young women? Emma Mitchell had good careers advice at Casterton School in Cumbria. went on a course organised by ISCO (the Independent Schools Careers Organisation) and ended up with a first from the University of Wales.

Emma Williams, now working for Edmund Nuttal. found an unusual reaction from the boys. While studying at Liverpool she found they came to her for help.

It shows that if you are a girl studying civil engineering you are there because you want to be there and want to work hard. Ms Williams got a first.

Leading firms such as Laing, Bovis, Taylor Woodrow and Balfour Beatty all invest in recruitment Sarah Wenn, who works for Laing. having graduated from Bristol, and who plays rugby for England, is a high-profile role model keen to talk to

Adele Stach-Kevitz was selected by Balfour Beatty to go on a three-day course to fine-tune her communication skills before giving presentations to sixth-form colleges. Her message? "Civil engineering is a career of opportunity. It offers girls travel, creativity, team-working. job satisfaction and financial reward — and we are not all tomboys in size 12



Jennai Cox on how taking a year off can prove a valuable experience for students

After a year among Tibetan refugees, Anna Marriott decided to switch courses

Institute, west London, said she did not know about the alternatives. "Applying to university at school was just something everyone did, so you did it too," she says. Jennifer, 20, now intends to travel and learn languages before returning to college.

Tony Higgins, chief executive of Ucas, says research into why students fail to accept university places indicates that they are forced to make their minds up too early and thinks more mature students make better decisions about what to study.

Unless entry has been deferred those still intending to go to university in 1997 will have to reapply. Students planning to go abroad are advised to do so as soon as possible because earlier applications are usually the first to be given interviews, which can continue well into next year. Admissions tutors can be contacted to discover when interviews are to be conducted.

Once overseas, accepting

university places can be done by parents, with whom students are usually in touch during their trip. Those travelling now should get hold of an application form which can be sent from wherever they are going, or be filled in and sent by parents.

When Angus Lugsdin, 19,

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GCSE table, the average was

Judging performance on the

only slightly more than three.

proportion of top grades elimi

nates this effect, but also takes

many pupils out of the equa-

girls' schools, which

tend to enter their sixth-

Many of the leading boys'

schools will argue that to

master four or five subjects at

A level is an achievement

which should not be underval-

ued, but those with a policy of

fewer entries are equally insis-

tent that they are leaving time

for extracurricular activity. In

St Swithun's case, this is a

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failed to get onto the oceanog-

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he decided to raise money and

go to Canada, where he worked and travelled for six

months. He took up a place to

do geology at Cardiff last year

but wanted to change to

marine geography.
"The tutor said I didn't have

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high enough grades. Angus says. But within 20 minutes of telling him about my gap year he said: 'Ok, you can start on the new course on Monday." A year earlier Angus says he would have carried on with geology but is glad he had time to grow up and think. Those getting their results now need to step back for while, find out about other options and talk to those who have taken a gap year, then

decide." he says Employers believe that nonacademic experience is invaluable in the competition for post-graduate jobs and say a year used to gain experience relevant to career or university course is not wasted.

The problem with most graduates coming onto the job market now is a lack of knowledge of the business world, says Roly Cockman, chief executive of the Association of Graduate Recruiters. "They're finding it very hard to fit in," he says. "Employers will be looking hard at what was done during a gap year, but if it demonstrates selfreliance, planning and a bit of adventure, it will be looked at very positively. Voluntary work is very highly regarded."

ecause money is a worry many students prefer to work at least some of the time. A number of local companies. particularly small and medium-sized ones, offer temporaray jobs to school-leavers. according to Richard Painter, chief executive for Industry in Education. The more experience of industry they can get the better, and it also helps with the pennies." Other businesses offer places through the Year In Industry scheme. Marks & Spencer started a sixmonth paid work placement scheme last year in which school-leavers work on projects in the commerical. personnel and finance departments. Jan Lyons, an M&S recruitment manager who is managing the scheme, said it gives them an insight into the workplace. Not everyone wants to go

round the world and we hope the scheme covers their need to experience being at work and ours to make them aware of opportunities," she says.

Business experience also makes finding work during term-time holidays easier. Some of those who have temped with Graduate Appointments in London have managed to graduate with little or no overdraft. "They are also more confident about what they want to do once they leave university and much more marketable," says Lisa Kelly, a consultant.

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Tables turned on A levels

John O'Leary on the conflicting

pictures of exam results

for now, of the school league-table season. But, if last week's A-level tables were anything to go by, the publication of independent schools' GCSE results will not settle which was the year's top performance.
While The Times, judging

candidates on the points system used for university entrance, had the boys of St Paul's School, in west London, on top of the table, The Daily Telegraph gave the honour to the neighbouring St Paul's Girls because of a higher proportion of passes at A and B grades. For the same reason. the Daily Mail listed Ermysted's School, in North Yorkshire, as the top state school, rather than King Edward VI School, in Chelms-

Similar confusion is likely tomorrow if newspapers use different criteria to judge success at GCSE. The top state school, taking into account all A grades, is Kendrick School, in Reading, but newspapers using starred A grades alone will place Henrietta Barnett School, in north London, at the top of the league. When the Government's tables appear in November, scores of schools will be bracketed at the top because the measure then is the proportion of pupils with five passes at C or above.

For many critics, such variety is further proof of the fallibility of league tables in a week when they have already been blamed for encouraging schools to abandon their weakest pupils. In fact, neither criticism is justified.

Even the best schools have strengths and weaknesses. and the different methods of compiling the tables can tease them out. The absence of a single, all-powerful table should be welcome to the

ional rankings is by expelling no-hopers before the Government census is taken. This may happen in some schools. but not in the numbers needed

responsible for the decline in the number of DON'T FORGET THAT ALL RESULTS ARE CHIPARATIVE GCSE entries, as some people claimed last unless head teachers all over England and Wales shooting themselves in the foot. The

GCSE tables (unlike those at A level) are based on the total number of 15-year-olds. not on examination candidates, so schools can only

damage their prospects by refusing to enter pupils. Although some local authorities produce their own GCSE tables based on the number of candidates, rather than all pupils in the year, the only way a school could im-

prove its position in the nat-

There is legitimate concern. these pages earlier in the vear, that the

tion altogether. Even at St Government's use of five high-Paul's Girls, the top school for er-grade GCSE grades out of 291 entries. main indicator One possible compromise is to rank schools on points per examination taken, rather of performance encourages than per pupil. As the table schools to conbelow demonstrates, last centrate their week's rankings would have looked very different, with St efforts on borderline candi-Swithun's School, Winchester. dates at the rising from 17th to first place expense of lowand Eton College dropping er-ability pupils. This sum-

mer's results confirmed such from third to 15th. suspicions, with the overal uch a method benefits pass rate remaining static while the higher grades improved. But that is a different effect, and one which could be formers for fewer A levels than those predominantly for boys. overcome by using a points Only 40 schools achieved an system like that for A level. which takes account of all a average of a B grade for every examination entry, more than half of them girls' schools.

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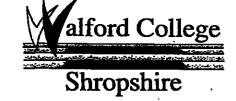


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RACING: COURSES OFFERED MORE PROGRAMMING FLEXIBILITY

BHB considers radical changes to race funding

British Horseracing Board (BHB) is considering proposals that would fundamentally alter the funding of British racing without jeopardising the existing network of 59 racecourses.

The consequence of the BHB's proposals would result in a tiered system within which it would be up to each racecourse to decide where to pitch itself. The scheme, which ultimately needs the sanctioning of the Levy Board, requires that racecourses keen to upgrade the quality of racing would have to input a greater share of their own prizemoney than those electing to stage less valuable races.

In an informal debate with the Racecourse Association (RCA) and Horserace Betting Levy Board, the BHB is examining an alternative to the funding-by-fixture system. In its place, the BHB is considering a funding-by-race mechanism that would allow racecourses greater flexibility

in framing programmes.

David Oldrey, chairman of the BHB's race-planning committee, stressed that the approach could only work with

The concept of funding-byrace is not something to advantage the big racecourses against the small," he said. "It cannot happen without their support but I think in time they will all see the attractions. We are much nearer to a

The funding of British racing is a complex issue. At present, the Levy Board allo-cates a Basic Daily Rate (BDR)

consensus."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Roseberry Avenue (4.10 Sandown Park) Next best: Queens Check (5.15 Sandown Park)

commensurate with the performance of each racecourse in the Levy Board's merit table. The table is already governed by prize-money con-tributions from each racecourse. However, individual racecourses get the same BDR for each fixture - irrespective of the quality. Ascot is allocated an identical sum for staging a day of Royal Ascot as it is for a fixture of lesser quality.

radically alter that mechanism. All races are graded between Class A, representing the best races, and Class G. Each category has minimum prize-money values which racecourses, after receiving their BDR, must achieve through their own contribution. But the BHB wants to introduce a sliding scale in which each class of race receives a set percentage of its minimum value, with the lowest class of race receiving the

highest percentage.

In this way, a racecourse aspiring to a Class A race will receive 50 per cent of the minimum value and will have to contribute the remaining 50 per cent itself. Conversely, a racecourse trading in Class F races will receive up to 90 per cent of the minimum value, leaving it only 10 per cent to find from its own coffers, Racecourses willing to accept the price of staging Class A races will have more attractive programmes and attract more

paying spectators. Morag Gray, the RCA's planning director, guardedly welcomed the BHB's initiative. "We must look at all funding alternatives," she

proposal is a valid objective but one which raises one or two concerns for us. Some small racecourses might not be able to afford to stage their feature races. We must also make sure courses have the incentive to invest in prizemoney. I am not sure this is the best way. The Levy Board which controls the sport's purse strings would be concerned at giving up more than 50 per cent of its budget."

tained that the merit table, which racecourses knew and understood, would remain in place. He also said that every racecourse would have the opportunity to upgrade its racing programme, and indicated that a favourable outcome to the BHB's request for direct financial help from the Government would enhance the scheme's viability.

However, Oldrey main-

"We feel it will give racecourses an impetus to upgrade themselves by giving them more money for providing better fixtures." Oldrey said. "It will give them a ladder to climb. We are looking at a system that allows greater freedom. Those that want to

Hello to receive warm greeting

CHANNEL 4

2.35: Medaaly won with something in hand when defeating Further Outlook at Doncaster and the value of that form was enhanced when the runner-up scored comfortably at Beverley. He holds a Royal Lodge Stakes entry and should justify such lofty ambitions here. Imper-



ON TELEVISION

ial President, winner of a decent conditions event at Newbury before disappointing slightly behind Putra at Goodwood, is an obvious

3.05: In a wide-open handicap. Salmis is a tentative choice after winning a falsely run race at Nottingham. The daughter of Salse had been disappointing this season before that victory but had shown useful form on easy going last year. She can improve again today. Blessed Spirit holds solid claims if she



Medaaly can supplement his Doncaster win at Sandown today. Photograph: Martin Lynch

reproduces the form of either of her last two runs, including Doncaster success. Catherine's Choice would have a chance judged on his allweather form.

3.40: Hello was unfortunate not to beat Imperial President at Newbury on fast ground and John Dunlop's progressive colt should be seen to better advantage on this easier going and stiffer track. Also a Royal Lodge Stakes

entry, he may offer some value against several recent winners. David Loder's juveniles are in top form and there is better to come from Mount Kamet, who won by five lengths at Beverley. The unbeaten Falkenham and Great Ovation hold claims,

4.10: I will be disappointed if the improving Roseberry Avenue does not oblige. A winner here seven days ago

along with Air Express.

over 13 miles, the Lady Herries-trained son of Sadler's Wells should relish today's step up in distance. Any further rain would help his

Guy Harwood, who retires at the end of the season, is enjoying a golden spell and Candle Smoke is another three-year-old on the upgrade after a comfortable success at Folkestone ten days ago.

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365128 TEAR WHITE 24 (V.D.BF.F) (A Lauson & Co) T Mills 8-10 ... J Red 96
T Quiron 97

BETTBIG: 9-4 Mynmaton. 11-4 Restits Pat, 7-2 Perpensal, 6-1 Tear White, 6-1 Feel A Line, 10-1 Jupiter, 12-1 1985, WESTCOURT MAGIC 8-8 G Carter (15-8) M W Exclarby 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUCH'S PET 3141 3nd of 5 to Junio in Disted race at York (51, good).
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2.35 CHARTERHOUSE CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,588: 1m 14yd) (6 runners) 3115 IMPERIAL PRESIDENT 30 (F) (A Abdulla) H Cacil 9-7 211 MALADERIE 7 (F) (Godoban) 5 tin Surcor 9-0
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FORM FOCUS

RMPERIAL PRESIDENT 4/ 5th of 8 to Putra in protes to Largon Champagne Vintage States at Goodwood (71, good to firm) MALADERE 3'41 3'70' of 6 to Broom's Goodon to conditions race here [7].

good). MEDIAALY heat Further Outboat 2'tei in 8-

3.05 BLOOD DONOR HANDICAP

BETTING: 9-2 Quadine Time, 11-2 Biessed Spirit, 6-1 Salmis, Consort, 7-1 Tsamista, 8-1 Capitano Princesa, 10-1 Brighton Road, Select Frei, 16-1 others.

1995: ALKATEB 9-7 R Cochrane (16-1) Miss & Kelleway 13 Jan

FORM FOCUS

CONSORT best Alpine Hideanay 144 in 10-runear maden at Salebury (71, good to firm) SELECT FEW best Zygo 134 in 5-runner rating related states at Windsor (1th 67yd, good to firm).

CAPLANO PRINCESS 894 6th or 18 to Rumana in conditions race at Domaster (1m, good to firm).

TSARNISTA 21 2nd of 7 to Divina Luma in rating related states at Lingfield (71 140yd, good to firm).

3.40 SOLARIO STAKES (Group il: 2-Y-0: £19,380: 7f 16vd) (7 runners)

1995: ALHAARTH 9-2 W Carson (30-100 lev) W Hern 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

AIR EXPRESS 2%1 ath of 8 to Putra in group to Lanson Champagne Vintage States at Goodwood (7), good to farm). HELLO short-head 2nd of 5 to Space at Congress (7), good to farm). FALKERHAMA for Lady Godina 41 in 8-runner suction race at Subscape (7), good to farm). FALKERHAMA for the set Eurolink Excaliber 51 in 8-subscape (7), good to farm (6) General 1 in 7-runner conditions, race at Kempton (7), good) Prentocky beat MOUNT KA

4.10 CLAYGATE STAYERS HANDICAP (£3,810; 2m 78vd) (13 runners)

BETTING: 9-4 Roseberry Avenue, 4-1 Candle Smoke, 5-1 Majdat, Jerech, 6-1 Chris's Lad, 10-1 Sea Freedom. 12-1 Indicalloch 14-1 others

1995: GENTLEMAN SID 5-8-3 N Adams (7-1) P Murphy 13 ran FORM FOCUS

SEA FREEDOM 11 2nd of 14 to French My in lazackap at Goodmood (2m good), CHRIS'S LAD year of 14 to Direct in handkap at Thresh Com. good for ROSEBERRY AVENUE best Charmoning Admiral 3 in 6-numer handkap have (1m 61, good in 1mm). CLIFTON GAME best Soldier blak 71 in 10-numer maiden handkap at Yamoush (1m 31 on) with RIMPRICARE (4th better of) 18 bits.

MALIDAK JERGEB 41 2nd of 6 to Generosa in Selection: ROSEBERRY AVENUE

4.45 HOGS BACK CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,615: 1m 1i) (8 runners)

BETTING, 5-2 Home Cookin, 3-1 Prima Volta, 4-1 Ques Arch, 9-2 Miss Romance, 5-1 Apache Len, 12-1 others. 1995: SHARPICAL 3-8-4 () Harrison (7-1) J Fanstrane 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CURET ARCH àl 3rd of 12 to Wallolo Beach in raining related stakes at Lingfield (1m, AW) HADABBLE 41 5m of 10 to Eurobus Box in participe of Leaster (1m, good to Simpl. PRIMA VOLTA 101 7h of 11 to Admirats Flame in Insuf

5.15 SURREY RACING HANDICAP (£3,826: 51 6yd) (17 runners)

11) 620332 MALBEL MAN 36 (D.G) (Church Racing Partners) E Wheeler 4-9-1 S Whiteworth CD 008125 SEA DANZIG 15 (P Dook) J Bridger 3-9-0 D Harrison D 15:23 SOURSE CORRIS 6 (B.C.D.F.D.) (6 Harrison) 6 Harrison V Sonne 7-8-8 D A McSione D CA006 METAL BOYS 16 (CD.F.G.S.) (Miss L Sodiell) Miss L Sodial 9-8-3 P McCabe (3) (13: 010635 LOHN O'DREAMS 23 (D.F.G.S.) (P Bazzes) Miss A Ving 11-8-2 D area O'Nell 16: 16-8101 DIJERIS CHECK 34 (B.D.G.S.) (N Cooper) Miss J Cozz 3-8-1 D A Mackay Machan D JAPES SHADOW 18 (N Wood) J Bridger 3-7-10 D Darren Moltan (3) (17) 0000 JADES SHADOW 18 (N Wood) J Bridger 3-7-10 D Darren Moltan (3) BETTRIS: 5-1 Septime Corne, 7-1 Gonz Sanage, 8-1 Maidau Man, 9-1 Medai Boys, 10-1 Ducens Check, 12-1

1995: MR BERGERAC 4-9-13 T Sprake (6-1) B Pathing 9 ran

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PURPLE FLING 3's1-4th of 16 to La Pebbs Fusse in territorap at Sakobury (6) good to firm) MM-GIC HARL beat GONE SAVAGE (3th erorse off) 11 m 12-turner translation over crouse and distance (good to firm) atth MALTRU MAIN (3th better off) 14 3 d. SOURFE CORRIE (4th better off) 15 6th LONGWICK Savage (51, good to firm) CUEFAS CHECK beat Need Your Badly 153 m 13-turner translation at Southwell (51, AW).

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4.30 (Im 3t 106yd) 1, VERIDIAN (G Hind, 9-11, 2, Glow Forum (Martin Dwyer, 15-8 lav), 3, Shining Dencer (D Hamson, 10-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Mr Browning, 5 Artislos (Sh), 8 Alicia, 14 Prince Danzig (4th), Viflage King, 25 Claire's Dencer (6th), Classiy Chiel, 10 ran NR Pistol, 191, 191, 7, 394, 1 %1, P Hams at Berkhamsted Tote, £12.50; £1.60, £1.30, £2.80 DF: £63.50 Tno: £36.60, CSF: £26.01 Tricas; £162.37.

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5.00 [71 all-weather) 1, SPEEDY CLASSIC (A Clark, 20-1); 2, Farmost (G Duffield, 11-10 lav); 3, Roodsy Waters (T Quirn, 7-1); 4, Invocation (Done O'Nell), 16-1). ALSO RAN, 8 Sherp Imp, 10 Four Of Spedes, 16 Dahlyah, Hawai Storm (Shi), Our Shadee, Superior Force, 25 Classic Royale (6th), Jotto, Miss Haversham, Time Clash, 33 Justimanus, 100 Symethical 16 ran, 131, 91, 114, 21, sh. hd. M. Heaton-Ellie at Woughton, Tote: 228 80; 639, £1 10, 22.00, £4 00. DF: £26.80, Trio £154.80, CSF £33 61 Thosst, £194.46.

Placeport: £10.70. Quadrot: £3,70. Placeput: £10.70. Quadpot: £3.70.

Musselburgh

Going: good to tirm Scarg good to ten 2.20 (Im 41 31yd) 1, Full Throttle (M Henry, 5-1), 2, Blenham Tenace (7-2 lav); 3, Campaspe (6-1) 12 ran. 21, 24; M Tomplons, Tote: £7 30; £3.20, £2 60, £2 60 DF: £16 50 Tro £13 80, CSF: £21,09 Thosest, £97 91

70:28. (27.9)
7. Lunar Music (D Sweeney, 4-5 fav); 2, Melbourne Princess (8-1); 3, Le Shuttle (13-2) 8 ran. 5l, 11 M Meade Tote; 51 90. (1.10, 02.00, 110. DF; 521 20 CSF 59.25 Bought in 8,200gns. CSF 19.25 Bought in 8,200gns.
3.20 (71 15yd) 1. Ben's Ridge IJ Fortune,
7-2 fevi; 2. Helio Dolly (12-11, 3, Zorba (7-1),
9 ran, Nk, nk, P. Hastarn, Toils; 124 00; 11 40,
13.20, 22.80 OF: £41.20 Tro; £11.60
CSF £39.24. Tricast £255.91. After a sieveards' Inquery, the result stood.
3.50 (71 15yd) 1. Scatthebury (k. Fallon,
10-11, 2. Méethan City (5-1); 3. Fisanster (911 Magic Lake 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 13-1, 13-1 k.
Burke Tote £12.00, 52.70, £1.40, £3.30.
DF £32.20 Tro: £97.50 CSF: £52.88.
Tricast: £432.17

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Williams, 5-2; 2, Breydon (7-1); 3, Cabwob (9-4 tay), 8 ran 3, 19; C Thomson Toter 23,60; £1 30, £1 40, £1.20 DF £9.30, CSF £19.28.

E19.28.
4.50 (5): 1, Ninety-Five (F Lynch, 13-2); 2. Johayro, (33-1); 3, Kalar (3-1 fav) 14 ran NF. Just Lady, Sh hd, nd. J Fitzgerald, Tore. 59.20, £4.30, £5.10, £1.30 DF £128.80 Tho: £260.00 CSF. £188.03. Tricast. £754.23 After a slewards' inquiry, the result

Jackpot: not won (pool of £16,749.76 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placepot: £123.80. Quadpot: £45.80.

Sedgefield Going: good to firm

2.10 (2m 11 hole) 1, Brambles Way (P Niveri, 9-11, 2, Bures (4-7 lav), 3, Andrak (9-1), 8 ran. 3l, 8l, Mrs M Reveley Tote: £5 70; £1.30, £1.10, £2.60, DF: £2.80, CSF: £14.73. 240 (2m 11 hole) 1, Brave Patriarch (M A Fitzgeraid, 1-2 lav), 2, Fatehaldheir (14-1), 3, Hore Comes Herbe (9-1) 9 ran *1, 12 Henderson, Tote £1,40; £100, £2,10, £1 50, DF £4 20, Tno; £12,80 CSF £9,20 3.10 (2m 5i ch) 1. Turpin's Green (J. Culloty, 4-1): 2, Stargue Fort (7-2 kay, 3, Tresidder (4-1) 7 ran. 14l, 11l. J King. Tota: \$4.00. £1.50, £2.80. DF. £11.20. CSF.

3.40 (2m 110vd ch) 1. Prince Skyburd (E Calleghan, 2-1); 2, Buyers Dream (4-5 lav), 3, Outsall Crossell (4-1) 3 ran 171, drat Mrs P Avison, Tote £2.80 DF: £1.60 CSF us at 4,10 (2m 5i 110yd hdle) 1. Playful Jullet (S Wynne, 7-1); 2. Huso (64 fav); 3. Red Jam Jar (5-2) 6 ran Sh hd. 7l. A Bailey. Tota: 55.50, 23 40, £1.10. DF: £13.90. CSF: £17.32.

1.17.32. 4.40 (2m St 110yd hole) 1. War Whoop (M Foster, 1-2 fav), 2. The Gallopn'major (7-2); 3. Over Stated (16-1) 6 ran 2, 22 C Thomlon, Tote, £1.40, £1.00, £2.30 DF, £1.80 CSF-£2.77. Placepot: £30.50. Quadpot: £27.90.

CHESTER

THUNDERER 2.10 Rasayel. 2.45 Count Roberto. 3.15 Concer Un. 3.50 Olympic Spirit. 4.20 Shakiyr. 4.55 Daira. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating:

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

4.20 SHIRLEY SUE.

2.10 ARTHUR O'HARE APPRENTICES HANDICAP

(£2,962: 1m 2f 75yd) (9 runners) (1) 4312 RASAYEL 16 (C.D.F.G) P Exans 6-9-10 . David O'Neit 95 (6) 2300 SECOND COLDURS 26 (F.G) M Pipe 6-9-10 . C Scudder 96 (9) 4066 CRABBE'S PRODE 76 (8) 10 Mesopler 3-9-9-1 . T Finn 80 (8) 0056 LA PELLEGRINA 17 P Chappie-Hyam 3-9-5

(4) 0600 TIME FOR TEA 36 C Date 3-9-1 . P Goode (8) (7) ASS SHALTA CHEF 55 E Owen Jun 4-8-7 ... R Brestand (3) 2-32 MBMSTER GLORY 6 (8,8F) M W Exsterby 5-8-2 C Lowther

2.45 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND O'HARE **AVENUE MAIDEN STAKES**

22 AMD ALBADU 22 (6F) J Dunkop 9-0 W Carson 90
4 COUNT ROBERTO 14 P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 R Hardin (3) 99
0 SENTLEMAN'S WORD 34 M Stoule 9-0 . K Fallon —
MESBET B Cambridge 9-0 . K Fallon —
0 KOMMATOR IAD 72 B McMahon 9-0 . J Frortune —
55 EPOWNE 48 M Channon 8-9 . J F Figur 71

3.15 O'HARE CUP

(Handicap: £7,910: 7f 2yd) (14)

(6) 2250 brt 8631 VALDTIME S (UP 6.5 S) R Palling 5-9-4 T Sprate (7) 2030 ROYAL MARK 28 (D.F.6.5) R Palling 5-9-4 T Sprate (7) 21 2030 ROYAL MARK 28 (D.F.6.5) I Writs 3-9-1 W R Swithum 92 (3) 3111 DRIVAL LUNA 23 (D.F.6.1) Halls 3-9-0 M Henry (3) 95 (10) 4540 PREMOS CA 28 (CD.F.6.5) R Hammon 3-9-0 K Fation 94 (8) 2001 CIREENS CONSUL 7 (D.F.6.) B Rothwell 6-9-0 (3ex) M Ferston 98 M Farton

(7) 1-60 LUNAR MIST 9 (F.G.S.) M Meade 3-8-13 D Sweeney (7)

(10) 5020 SUALTACH 25 (D.F.G.S.) R Hobershead 3-8-11 J Fortune

(14) 0350 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 12 (CD.F.G.S.) M Charmon 6-8-10

12 (13) 3505 OCEAN GROVE 20 (S) P Chambe-throm 3-8-5 R Havini (3) 93 (5) 2125 ALBERT THE BEAR 28 (CD,F) J Berry 3-8-4 J Carroll 94 (11) 0050 LAY THE BLAME 4 (F.S) W Janvis 3-8-3 F Lynch (3) 94 4-1 Concer Un, 5-1 Divina Lura, 6-1 Prends Ca. 7-1 Chickannola, 8-1 Highborn Gueens Consol, 18-1 Royal Mark, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 10 winners from 38 numers, 25.3%, M Shutte, 18 from 72, 25.0%, B Hills, 15 from 72, 20.8%; R Hannon, 15 from 72, 20.8%; N Cecil. 8 from 39, 20.5%; J Dunkop, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Pipe, 4 from 22, 18.2% JOCKEYS: W R Swindown, 14 winners from 54 rides, 25.9%, A Cultiane, 6 from 28, 21.4%; W Ryan, 9 from 63, 14.3%; J Carroll, 14 from 111, 12.6%; K Fation, 10 from 85, 11.8%

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Sandown Park: 200 Chopin, Tear White. 4 45 Apache Len 5.15 Sally Slade Chester: 2.10 Minster Glory, Perth; 4 00 Doctor-J

PERTH

2.20 Born To Please, 2.55 Miners Rest. 3,30 Real Progress. 4.00 Doctor-J. 4.30 Speaker's House.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) 2.20 ABTRUST INVERNESS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,190: 2m 4i 110yd) (5 runners)

4-5 Born To Please, 9-4 Castleroyal, 7-1 (homean, 6-1 Little Redwing, 16-1 Anchouena,

1 443- REAL PROGRESS 90 (D.F.G.S) P Hobbs 8-12-0 A P McCoy 2 /22 THE YANK 20 (B.D.F.G) M Hammord 10-11-9 ... R Cardity 3 4P40 MSS BYRCD 1 (F.G) Mbs I Razell 10-10-10 A Thomson 4-10-0 L O'Hara 4-5 Real Progress, 7-4 The Yank, 6-1 Kelone The Celt. 12-1 Mass Emico.

3.50 JANI CHAMPIONSHIP FILLIES CONDITIONS STAKES (2-Y-0: £4.938: 6l 18yd) (6)

(3) 3152 OLYMPIC SPERT 13 (CD.F) J Berry 9-2 J Carroll (E) 311 SAMBAC 44 (D.F) H Ceci 9-2 W Ryan 95 (6) 513 STONE FLOWER 18 (F) P Chapte-thran 8-11 R Handle (F) (5) 4536 WEET EES CRIL 15 (G) P Evats 8-11 J Fegan 35 (4) 303 MARTRIE 11 A Bafry 8-8 D Wingla (5) 77 (2) 45 RUBY TUESDAY 97 B McMahon 8-8 J Fortune 71

4.20 O'HARE SOBRIETY SALVER HANDICAP

(5) 0001 LOVE AND KISSES 14 (G) C Cyzer 3-7-13 T Williams 93 11-4 Shirley Sue, 100-30 tzza, 4-7 The Seran, 7-1 Love And Kisses, 8-1 Shakoyi 10-1 Floating Line, Anglesey Sea View, 12-1 others

4.55 O'HARE LEISURE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £5.540: 1m 2f 75yd) (9) (6) 0144 EXPENSIVE TASTE 63 (D.F) M Storde 9-7 11) -550 CHALSPAGNE PRINCE 14 (C.F) P Horis 9-7 (7) 2152 KAMARI 25 (B.F.) A Sterout 9-7 (4) 0-05 SKI ACADEMY 55 (f) P Chapple-P Jam 9-6 1 (9) 1000 GOLD DISC 27 (D.F.G IS Heits 9-5 (5) 1350 BOWLED DAYE 10 (G) C Joyar 9-3 (8) 1242 CRAZY CHEF 35 (G) P Cote 9-1 (2) -402 RASE A PRINCE 25 J Hills 8-9 (6) 2102 DARRA 28 (G) J Belhell 7-11

Lucky Parkes excels in Lingfield success

LUCKY PARKES registered her 17th success yesterday when gamely making all under John Carroll in the Wadsworth 6x Conditions Stakes at Lingfield Park. The Jack Berrytrained mare beat Bowden Rose and Fond Embrace, the 9-4 favourite, by a neck and a

short head. Her owner, Joseph Heler, said: "Lucky Parkes didn't like the soft ground but is so game that she would not be beaten. John Carroll reckons she is one of the toughest horses he has ever ridden. She may go to my Cheshire stud next season, unless she wants to

keep racing." Also at Lingfield, Jason Weaver, who starts a 16-day riding ban on Saturday, was seen at his forceful best when winning division two of the HP Bulmers Maiden Stakes on Sad Mad Bad. The Peter Savill-owned colt took up the running approaching the final furlong to beat Inclination, the 2-I favourite, and Quest for

Best by a length and a head.

THUNDERER 5.05 Tough Test.

2.55 ABTRUST FORT LAUDERDALE NOVICES

1 2-41 REVE DE VALSE 6 (F. 9.5) R Johnson 9-12-3 (7cr) K Johnson 2 2-33 WHTE DIAMOND 4 (F.5) Miss L Russell 8-12-0 . A Thomton 3 -241 MINIETS REST 6 (F) P Hobbs 8-11-2 (7cs) A P McCoy 11-8 Miners Rest. 13-8 White Dismond. 5-2 Reve De Valse.

3.30 ABERDEEN TRUST PLC HANDICAP CHASE (£3,339· 3m) (4)

4.00 ABTRUST SINGAPORE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,211: 2m 110yd) (7)

Michael Brencen (5) 9-4 Silver Steene, 11-4 Steadlast Eite, 4-1 Classy Katyasa, 5-1 Coctor-J., 8-1 Mirmesola Fats, 10-1 Vintage Red, 12-1 Cardenden

4.30 NORTH SOUND RADIO NOVICES CHASE (£2,957: 2m) (4)

15-8 Caxton, 2-1 Richmond, 3-1 Speaker's House, 9-2 islandreagn

5.05 FAMOUS GROUSE HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,048: 3m 110yd) (5)

1 230. PROC OF MAY 12F (S) C Faithurs 5-12-0 ... J Callaghan
2 14-1 TOUGH TEST 85 (CD.F.S) Mrs. J Goodleflow, 5-11-10 B Ferson
3 4/3 VALLANT DASH 6 (CD.F.G.S.) J Goodle 10-10-9 ... 6 Cashal (3)
4 1412 BOURDOANNET 13 (C.B.F.,S.) M. Hammond 4-10-6 R Garnity
5 65-1 BLOOMING SPRING 84 (CD.F) Mrs. D Thomson 7-10-2 L O'Hara 6-4 Tough Test 5-2 Bourdonner, 5-1 Blooming Spring, 6-1 Pride Of May 7-1

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Hobbs, 8 winners from 17 numers, 47.19, M Hammond, 16 from 74, 21.6%, J Goldie, 6 vinom 29, 20.7%, G Alchards, 16 from 89, 18.2%, J White, 3 from 29, 13.0%, JOCKEYS: A P McCoy, 6 womers from 19 rides, 31 6%, P Camil 6 from 29, 20.7%; A Dotbin, 16 from 80, 20.0%, R Gamily, 4 from 30, 13.3%, A Magure, 4 from 32, 12.5%

Ffrench has ban increased

ROYSTON FFRENCH, the guilty of irresponsible riding apprentice, had a four-day ban increased to seven yesterday after an unsuccessful appeal to the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee. Ffrench was suspended from tomorrow to next Saturday for irresponsible riding. He was originally found

on Nabjelsedr, who finished first in the Woodford Apprentice Handicap at Salisbury on August 22, banned for four days and his mount demoted to fourth. But his ban was increased when Nabjelsedr's trainer, Tony Newcombe, appealed against the verdict.





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England venture into the unknown

By Rob Hughes, football correspondent

ter flight BY740A from Luton to Kishinev this lunchtime will convey England, the football team, from luxury to culture shock. In the morning, they leave the crystal chandeliers of their Burnham Beeches hotel, in the tranquility of 600 acres of forestry, for the Moldavian capital, in which the Republic Stadium. with its whitewashed walls and its outmoded floodlights, can seem as austere as a cold

After Euro 96, where Wernbley Stadium had 90 per cent English support and afforded 100 per cent home advantages, the new coach, Glenn Hoddle, observed: "There is going to be a very big mental difference. We haven't played a competitive match away from home for three years. Unfortunately the training facilities there are not particularly good and it must be unique that both an under-21 international and then the full game will be played on the same pitch on Saturday and Sunday - and, since it's a new country, there will be a great deal of passion. It will be phenomenal for them if

they score, intimidating."

Begging Hoddle's pardon,
but he has had it comparatively easy this week. His inauguration in the English set-up has concentrated, inevitably, on the fragile hamstrings, groin strains and swollen ankles of seven players who might otherwise have sailed into his line-up.

However, for Moldavians, the match is something else an expression of nationhood. For this small country, a landlocked state of 4.3 million people, independence is five years old this week, five years out of the occupation under first Romania and then Russia. The coming of England, notwithstanding that Germany and Wales and others have been to Kishinev for football, is still something remarkable to Moldavians.

They read of the £15 million price for Alan Shearer. Ion Testimitseanu, a high-quality defender, who will at times contest the ball against Shearer, observed recently that it would take him ten lifetimes to earn what Shearer reportedly earns in a week. The same goes for Alexander Courtenau, the midfield inspirator and playmaker, who, the Moldavians believe, is a man more gifted than Georgi Kinkladze, the Georgian at

Manchester City.

BRITANNIA Airways char- home team will play claustrophobic football, with five players across midfield, marking man-for-man and sweeping deeply. If so, what is there to

> was the scare put about after Wales had lost their nerve and a European qualifying match, 3-2. in Moldavia two years ago. "Two years brings astonishing progress in the former Eastern Europe," according to Erich Epple, the head of the East European Assistance Bureau, an administrative body formed by Uefa, the governing body, to try to help former Soviet nations, as well as Albania, to come into Europe on something approaching an even playing field. "Besides." Epple added. "the Seabeco Hotel, where England are staying, is the very best among the 12 countries that I visit." However, apart from

Wales, the big boys have not been humbled in Kishinev. Germany and Bulgaria, though they found difficult circumstances, each won 3-0 on the over-used turf of the Republican Stadium. So intimidating? Only if you invite it to be so.

British sailors, who passed through this part of the world via the Black Sea in the last century, put down the round leather ball and encouraged locals to share the enthusiasm for football. Sport will not feed Moldavians: it will not do much to alleviate inflation. which, through austere living, the people themselves have brought down from 1.200 per cent to just over 100 per cent since independence became a

Yet playing games can be hugely symbolic. Kicking a ball, Uefa insists, can promote understanding and harmony between the West and the old East. England, No 13 in the world rankings, need not fear Moldavia, rated No 115. The home players have technique, but they lack experience and their record. Wales apart. lacks credibility.

One does not expect football players to travel through this new experience with anything but "focused" minds. That means they will see Moldavia through the inside of an apparently good quality hotel, through the sights and sounds of the 22,000-capacity stadium

.. and through the airport as they scuttle home, relieved but perhaps not as enlightened as the journey invites them to be. It is not their fault. Professional sport has worn winner-



David Beckham is the centre of attention as the England players look on in training at Bisham Abbey yesterday

City turn sights towards Bassett

put up."

By David Maddock

SO WHERE do Manchester City go from here? The only credible managerial candidate that they had - if you can call a man banned for 12 months for taking "bungs" while he was in charge at credible — Arsenal George Graham. He confirmed yesterday morning that he does not want the

"I was pleased to have been approached regarding the managerial vacancy at Manchester City, and they delivered a very fair offer," he said, but I felt it was not the right opportunity at the moment. I wish City every success."

He might have added that he is not keen on sitting in a manager's hot-seat that has taken on the appearance of an electric chair.

Graham's decision leaves Francis Lee, the City chairman, back at square one, but he is even further behind than that. Graham's refusal is a crushing blow, as a rather pathetic attempt by the club early yesterday, to deny that they had offered him the job. testified.

Whoever they approach now is very much a second choice - and also has the reasons for Graham's decision to mull over. Lee knows that his own position could now depend on attracting a high-profile manager with a proven track record to appease the supporters and. more important, the growing boardroom rebellion against his reign.

It was a despairing, and almost incredulous. Lee who reflected on Graham's answer, when he finally admit-

"I'm dumbfounded. Lee said. "I am very disappointed. narticularly because he made it clear that he was interested in the job. We put together a package that would have made him a very wealthy manager. I think 90 per cent of other managers would have been delighted with the amount we were willing to

Graham made extensive inquiries before deciding, and he will have been told that Maine Road is rife with political intrigue.

There are factions strongly opposed to Lee, with serious intent to oust him. There is financial uncertainty, and there is a manager's nightmare: not one, but several former players at executive level who are fond of offering advice.

Lee knows that he must

the dissent against his reign from growing intolerable. but, in mishandling the approach to Graham he has effectively ruled out Kenny Dalglish and Terry Venables - why would they take a job that Graham would

There are other names, but they, too, can be discounted. Jack Charlton is too removed from the domestic game and now too old: Bruce Rioch does not want it.

That leaves Dave Bassett. the Crystal Palace manager. as the only remotely-acceptable candidate. He is an inspirational figure with a proven track record and has a profile that is acceptable, albeit only just, to supporters and boardroom dissenters. Lee and Colin Barlow, his

managing director, were thought to be heading for

Arsenal wait for news of German destination

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

ENGLISH clubs competing in Europe dread being drawn against sides from behind what used to be the Iron Curtain. It often necessitates the most awkward of arrangements for travel, tickets and accommodation, Arsenal and Liverpool were thus relieved when they were paired, a week ago, with opponents from Germany and Finland, those most westernised of nations only to discover that all is not going as smoothly as they

Arsenal face the most pressing of problems, for the second leg of their Uefa Cup firstround tie against Borussia Mönchengladbach on September 24. As yet, they have not been told where the game is being played. It will not be in Mönchengladbach, that much has been deduced, and could be staged in either Düsseldorf or Cologne.

Mönchengladbach. twice winners of the Uefa Cup in the Seventies, are unable to use their 30.000-capacity stadium because most of the ground is still terracing. Uefa, the sport's European governing body, insists that venues should be all-seater and has instructed the Bundesliga club to look elsewhere.

Liverpool's concern, for their European Cup Winners' Cup first-round first-leg match against MyPa 47, of Finland, on September 12, is that they have been allocated only 500 tickets. MyPa's Savinaemi Stadium has a capacity of 4,500, the game is not being televised in England and there are worries that many supporters will not be able to get in to see the game.

There are no such fears at the National Stadium in Cardiff iomorrow, when Wales play San Marino in their World Cup qualifying group seven tie. Wales defeated their part-time opponents 5-0 in June, with the return unlikely to attract the largest of audiences. Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, has chosen the same side that won in northern Italy, with John Robinson, the Charlton Athletic midfield player, retaining his place ahead of Gary Speed, of

EVETION.
WALES: N Southall (Evenont, M Browning (Ensta) Rovers). M Bowen (West Ham United). A Mehville (Sunderland), C Colemen (Blackburn Rovers), M Pembridge (Sheffeld Wednesday). B Home (Briningham Cryl. J Robinson (Charlton Athleno), R Giggs (Manchester United), D Saunders (Nothingham Forest), M Hughes (Trakka). Suphethities to be above need.

BOWLS

Consistent Hatherall overwhelms Allcock

By GORDON ALLAN

TONY ALLCOCK, the world singles champion, was beaten 21-12 by Graham Hatherall of Swindon, in the last 16 of the English Bowling Association singles championship at Worthing vesterday. Hatherall, a left-hander and a junior international last season, beat Allcock in the second round two years ago. Allcock has won this title twice, but Hatherall rarely strayed from a consistent line and made the most of a skilfully-created 18-6

advantage.

John Ottaway and John Wickham, both past champions, joined Hatherall in the quarter-finals today, but Stephen Farish, the 1992 winner, was beaten 21-11 by Russell Fraser, of Hebburn Park. Durham, in the first round.

Mick Owen, of Hounslow, gave Ottaway a taxing match until succumbing 21-17. Wickham, from 14-8 down, got to 20-16 against Leo May, of Fleet Social, but had to wait four ends for the elusive shot that gave him a 21-19 victory.

The other quarter-finalists are Fraser, lan Mayne, of Bolton, Andrew Kirtland, of Darlington, Steve Hamblin, of Shanklin, and Richard Vinter, of Boston, Hamblin ended Sussex's hopes of its first champion since Reg Lewis in 1965 when he overtook Dave Ovett, of Brighton, to win 21-19. Vinter has shown impressive form with wins by 21-8, 21-2 and 21-13. The two voungest competi-

tors, Neil Hope, 17, of Swindon and Chris Young, 18, of Cheam, met in the first round with Young winning 21-17. In his next match, however, Young lost 21-13 to Owen after leading 11-9.

Stan Lant. of Newcastle, was involved in the last match to finish in both the first and second rounds. He took three [hours and nine minutes to beat Mike Goddard, of Weymouth, 21-19 before losing 21-17 to Kirkland in more normal time. □ Uncapped

compete in the English Women's Championship pairs semi-finals in Leamington Spa. Shirley Page, of Baldock, was the only England player to survive into the quarterfinals along with her colleague, Anne Haywood. They were defeated vesterday, however. by Josie Tyers and Pat

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

If a player hesitates before making a call or play, he is giving additional information over and above what was available if his action was in tempo. (The exception is that he may be hesitating deliberately to mislead the other players — in itself unethical.) As I mentioned last week, you can use such information if it is provided by your opponent, but not if it comes from your partner. Whether a call has been made out of tempo is in itself a frequent subject of dispute, but for the purposes of the example below I will assume everyone acknowledges which ones are

3 S (slow) Pass 3 H Dbie (slow) 1 H 4 H (slow) There have been three slow calls. Here are legal and illegal uses

of the information they provide. (I) South's slow Three Spades. East and West are entitled to use the information that South did not consider his Three Spades entirely clear-cut. But North is not allowed to take this inference. (2) West's slow Four Hearts. Now North-South are allowed to use the information that West did not consider that bid clear-cut.

So North's Four Spades may take the slow Four Hearts into

(3) East's slow double of Four Spades. That implies that East has doubts about whether it is better for him to pass or double (he is unlikely to be considering Five Hearts, as he made a limit bid of Three Hearts on the previous round). West cannot take that into account. But if he does bid Five Hearts, North is entitled to use both West's slow Four Heart bid and East's slow Double in his assessment of the hand. Remember, he is still not allowed to take

account of South's slow Three Spade bid. Sav West bids Five Hearts and the opponents object. What sort of a hand does he need to remove the slow double? The answer is that if it is clear that he would take that action if East had called in tempo, then the fact that East called out of tempo doesn't bar West. The problem comes in more marginal cases. The criterion used in duplicate is that if at least 70% of players of a similar standard would bid Five Hearts without the hesitation, then West can bid it. Otherwise in this case the tournament director could rule that the contract revert to Four Spades doubled. It does mean that in a marginal case West should pass rather than bid on - in this example, the opponents would let him get on with it if Five Hearts suited them, and have the contract hauled back to Four Spades doubled if that was a better spot for them.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

- WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

PONS ASINORUM a. A theorem

b. A fool's paradise c. A drinking-trough

TRIVIUM a. A degree course b. Unimportance c. A hot plate

SERVITOR a. A college stewardb. The Sub-Dean c. An undergraduate DOTHEBOYS HALL a. A Brontë invention b. A boys' school

c. Jorrocks's home



BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Old rivals

From 1974 until 1981 the world championship was essentially a battle between two great players, Anatoly Karpov and Viktor Korchnoi. They contested three bitter matches, the first two of which Karpov won by a single point; he triumphed in the final one by a more convincing fourpoint margin.

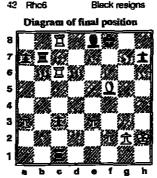
After his defeat in 1981 by Karpov. Korchnoi had to bury his world championship ambitions but now, at the age of 65, he is still active in the international arena and capable of producing epic struggles with his erstwhile con-queror. The following game from the recently concluded Vienna tournament is a case in point.

Korchnoi defends as Black with the solid Queen's Indian Defence, but is saddled with a pawn formation that restricts the scope of his bishop. By imaginative and broad strategy Karpov shifts the field of conflict to the kingside and. although Korchnoi ultimately destroys White's queenside bastions. it is White's attack which proves the stronger.

White: Anatoly Karpov Black: Viktor Korchnoi Bank of Austria, Vienna,

Queen's Indian Defence Nt3 Bb7 8 cxd5

g6 Nd7 c4 16 0-0 17 Rie1 Rfd8 Ne6 Rac8 Rd6 22 Nd4 Ab6 25 Rd4 Rbd1 Oxc3 Rb2 gxh5 Bc6 Kh8 R867 Be8 R2b3 Kg8 Kl8 Rc1+ 41 Kh2 ය Black resigns



Times book

The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from International Grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times and is available from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford (tel: 01376 321276) at £6.99 plus p&p. ☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

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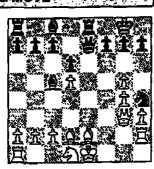
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13 dxc5 14 Qh4

Black to play. This position is

from the game Gerusel -Miles. Porz 1982. The white pieces are on very strange squares but it looks as if he might just be holding on. How did Black prove that this was not the case with a clever tactic?

Solution on page 46



BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Colorado 10 Cincernali 9 Montreal 6 Los Angeles 5: Atlanta 9 Pristourgh 4: San Diego 3 New York 2 (10 mmings); Houston 5 Cheago 4 (11 imings); Flonda 3 St. Louis 2 (10 immings); San Francisco 7 Philadelphia 6 Prancisco 7 Phaladelpria 6 AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland 9 Detrot 3: Chicago 2 Milwaukee 0, Calidand 3 Baltimore 0, Toronto 6 Minnesola 1; Karsass Cry 4 Tecas 3 (12 mings): Boston 7 California 4, Seattla 10 New York 2

BOWLS WORTHING: Men's all-England champsonships: Pairs: Final: I Maddox and R Stanley (Bank House Hotel Worcester) to A Wills and T Allcock (Chellenham) 20-19 Singles: Preliminary round: N Hope (Highworth, Wills) to R Jameson (Shafesbury) Derbyshie; 21-8; G Smath (Royal Mall Cart, Spaking) by M Lovelok. (Brinfield and Little Hereford) 21-13. S Farish (Wigton, Cumbra) bt A Melèle (Sasmundham Sports) 21-12; W Hurt (West Pan, Hull) bt D Burrows (Urbindge) 21-12: P Botdero (West Winch, Norfolki bt K Pack, GPT Nottingham) 21-16. First round; J Dowler (Cheshurt) bt P Melelin (Hindeley, Leiosstrashire) 21-13; I Mayre (Bollion) bt D Gray (Shafesbury) Dorsel) 21-18: N Draper (Hindeley Port), Sornersel) bt G Hastians (Welcome, Leni) 21-11; G Waldron (Reading) bt S Taylor (Avenue, Coveniny) 21-19; M Owen (Hourslow Choket and Sports) bt E Sawili (Andagh, Bristol) 21-20; C Young (Cheam Willage) bt N Hopo (Highworth, Swendor) 21-17; J Otanwey (Wymoncham Dell) bt R Tran (Summerhill, Newcastle) 21-15: M Arthan (Drotwich Vines, Park) bt G Galeh (Lindheld: Sussex 21-3; J Wickham (Torquay) bt P Hamson (Amsty, York), R Hewson (Summerhill Antha) bt N Strapp (Kingsthorpe, Northampton) 21-9; A Price (Gerards Cross, Bucks) bt D Robinson (GPT Notting-ham) 21-8; T Sactovisto (Em Park, Homorhy bt R Hars (Hender Park, Bords) 21-3; A Frise (Hebburn) (Durham) bt S Fanan (Wigton, Cumbria) 21-11; I McWhinney (City of Bl) bt G Smith (Resaltan (Herselord) 21-16; A Robardon Promenace) bt W Hurt (West Park, Daring-Ion) bt D Martin (Galston, Hers) 21-10; G Northamol bt N Smith (Marsoa bt N Boddero (West Winch, Norfolk) 21-17; A Weststord (Peserboron Brighton) bt S Jane (Portland, Newcastel), bt M Goddard (Myymouth) 21-19; M Rowsel (Cotyno) 21-16; A Bracken (Appleby, Cumbrial bt N Smith (Atherley, Southernoton) 21-18; A Brimse (Bodmin) sor (Bharten) 21-19; G Howard (Hereford) bt P Buddero (West Winch, Norfolk) 21-11; S Middlemass (Bown and Robbins, Derbyshine) bt S Woodcock (Whitfleston, Hers) 21-10; G Waldon (Pymouth CS) 21-11; D Hormon (21-18; A Bracke

trigular (reasing) to Jones Century English women's champloreships: Pairs: First round: P Bailey and J Tomlin (Surnimgdale) by M Edwards and J Paabody (Rudby Thomfield) 21-16, Polya and E Stellon (De Havilland, Huffeld) bt P Amold and M Durlin (Lone) 18-14; D Lowless and M Wats (Pleston Park, Brighton) bt V Plater and R Nash (Blosstar) 19-17; D Gibbons and I Poolo (Selborne, Middle) bt P Jones and E Adams (Willord, Notts) 26-12, M Jackin and C Arton (Peterbrough and Disanet bi A Whitalier and C Gascogne (Burredon, Northumberland) 19-18; G Johnson and S Frost (Alderbury, Wills) bi P and R Corley (Whischurch, Hants) 17-15; A Thomton and J Berry (Whischurch, Hants) 17-15; A Thomton and J Waddingham (Higham Hill, Ecase) 30-12; P Steeph and N Carroll (New Dashad, Northumberland) bt J Jones and Netla

FOR THE RECORD

Shakashelf (Eastnor, Herelord) 22-18. S Lake and M Johnson (Wellingborough) bt J Young and P Cleary (Windhester Coris) 29-13. S and M Wellington (Jungsbindge Park, Devon) bt N Beales and M Phlos (Burnham Bucks) 16-15, P Hallam and J Green (West Moris, Dorsel) bt A Barraad and M Wallace (Nemport, Johly 20-19, B Davison and A Have (Bert Keech, York) bt L Wifmott and S Sulfivan (Woodley, Berks) 24-19, S Cultion and E Chamberlam (March Coris) bt S Pir-crott and J Armsurong (Edenside, Carlister 23-18, M Hall and B Heath (Durshome, Lincs) bt D Kemp and M Toseland (Broskiletd, Lecester) 27-20; P Colins and M Wheeler (Yele) bt R Moore and B Collinge (Bladspoot) 22-19; J Crossit and G Restall (Mansheld) bt F Wishert and J Hirst (Russell Park, Bads) 33-16; G Fitogrand and A Park, Bads) 33-16; G Fitogrand and A (Mansheld) bit Wishert and J Hirst (Russell Park, Bada) 33-16: G Fitzgerald and A Moore (Haynes Park, Esset) bit C Workman and C Gaskans (Bioester) 28-10. A Profitam and C Escott (Stuarts, Plymouth) bit A Case and B Rudge (Chairwire, Kiddermanster) 39-8: S Miss and M Stokes (Hesketh Park, Dartbord) bit P Barrer and L Mountain (Homossile, Lincs) 24-14. G Freikler and S Pring (Wandle, Surrey) bit E Balver and I Morey (Ottey, Sulfolk) 18-17. M Stalley and S Marsh (Churchdown, Glouss) bit M Tucher and I Horst Marsh (Churchdown, Glouss) bit M Tucher and I Hothers (Missell) (

(Mandle, Surrey) bi E Baker and I Morey (Otey, Sultok) 18-17, M Stalley and S Marsh (Churchdown, Glouss) bi M Tucher and Hawkey (Woburn Sands) 26-8, J Tyers and P Other (Buckwell, Dethys) bi J Bradley and S Bacon (Langlord, Beds) 26-13 J Cowen and B Adarson (Berough Park, Redcar) bi S Cook and D Fiorstone (Paddington) 25-15, L Jamen and E Messer (Chesterton, Cambol bi J Thomson and M Tims (Whitnach, Warwinds) 22-13: H McDermand and L Hayhoe (Watchelt) bi B Wharton and J Gieen (Victoria Park, Ileaston) 374-8, B Warburton and E Krughi (Wesbley, Hereford) bi T Brown and V Bernborough (Barnes West End, Sunderland) 16-15: J Fosler and J Padley (Ferlon, Hunts) bi R Message and McHowat (Loughborough Town) 19-17: A Haywood and S Page (Saldock) bi A Beathe and M Hewitt (Datston, Cumbria) 24-11, G Rees and J Morgan (Boronsgrover) bi P Proud and P Newtham (Cowes) 29-14, S Jones and S Hawksworth (Bindport) bi W Anderson and D Woodley (Perhill, Swendon) 18-16; M Builer and W Adams (Chichester Provy) bi D Vaughan and E Howe (Notroide), 23-18; W Tayfor and L Ryon (Pather Kolts) bi C Bolbon (Devon) 21-13, J Carder (Surrey) bi T Anion (Hunts) 21-13; C Bartlett (Wits) bi J Miler (Surrey) 21-13; C Bartlett (Wits) bi J Miler (Surrey) 21-13; J Carder (Surrey) bi T Anion (Hunts) 21-13; C Bartlett (Wits) bi J Miler (Surrey) 21-13; J Carder (Surrey) 21-13; J Carder (Surrey) 21-13; J Carder (Surrey) bi T Anion (Hunts) 21-13; C Bobon and Foste bi Jlackin and Anton 29-17; Johnson and Frost bi Thomion and Beny 21-19, Lake and Johnson to Caroll and Snasth 17-14; Wellington and Wellington bit Hallam and Green 20-16; Devison and Regard 31-10; Miles and Stokes bi Protham

ist Amstetien, 4 45i Group seven Wales v San Marino (at Barry Town FC) Nationwide League Plymouth v Preston (7 45)

CRICKET Britannic Assurance County championship 11.0, second day of lour, 104 overs meanum CHESTERFIELD: Derbyshire v Worcestershire BRISTOL Gloucestershire v Northamptonshire TUNBRIDGE WELLS: Kent v

and Espott 22-13, Stalley and Marsh bit Fielder and Pring 23-12; Tyler and Oliver bit Cowah and Alderson 20-6, McDermaid and Hayhoe bit Jaman and Messes 21-16. Warburton and Pringht bit Froster and Padley 15-14. Hayward and Page bit Riees and Morgan 26-7, Jones and Hawksworth bit Buller and Adams 17-16; Taylor and Ryan bit Bailey and Tombin 22-15. Third round: Gibbons and Frost 23-15. Davison and Hay 29-11. Lake and Johnson bit Johnson and Frost 23-15, Davison and Haw bit and Wellington 21-17; Fitogerald and Moore bit Hall and Heath 20-17, Wiles and Stokes bit Salley and Marsh 20-10; Tyers and Oliver bit McDermaid and Hayhoe 27-14. Haywood and Page bit Warburton and Knight 30-11.

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (final day of three) Southampton: Hampshire 258-2 dec (R S Morrs 110 not out) D A Mascarenhas 76 not out) and second numps fortest, Middlesse first immigs fortest, Middlesse first immigs fortest, Middlesse first immigs fortest, and 215-7 (k P Dusch 56 not out. J C Hamson 65, D A Mascarenhas 5-60) March drawn Northamptons. Northamptons. Northamptons. Northamptons. Northamptons. Northamptons. T C Weston 621, Worwickshire 181-6 (M Burns 57) March drawn

CYCLING

MACHESTER: World track championships: Men: Kilometre time-trial: Final: 1, S Kelly (Aus) 1 02: 777, 2, S Lausberg (Gert 1 02: 795, 3, J Van Etiden (Ger) 1,04: 541, 4, H Thuoi (Fr) 1 04: 732, 5, G knemer (Pol) 104: 898, 6, A Kilski, (Lat) 104:896, 12, C MacLean (GB) 1,05: 735 Kenfin: 1, M Notinstein (US) last 200 metres in 10: 982-987, 2, G Nelwand (Aus): 3, F Magner (Fr); 4, P Buran (CZ): 5, M Hubner (Gert), 6, L Gane (Fr) Macisson (56 Mrs); Final: 1, 1 taly (S Martinelli end M Villa) 34pti, 55min 47 Asec, 2, Australa (S MoGrory and S Patel 25, 1 Germany (A Kappes and C Worl) 23, 4, Switzchland (K Bötschart and B 189) 22, 5, Augentina (G Curuchet end Curuchet 15, 6, Holland (P Peters and T Pool) 14 Indondual pursuit: Semi-finals: A Colonelli (II) 4min 16: 141:sec to F Moreau (Fr) 4:19:665 C Boardman (GB) 4: 506 bi A Markov (Russ) 4:23:029 Teem sprint: Finst round (first eight quality for second round). Australia: 45: 140:sec (D Hd), 5 Kelly, G Neward). Germany 45,917; France 45:929 Greece 46:478; Holland 47:185; Poland 47:309; Ruly 47:429; Spam 47:455 Women: Sprint: Second round (winners graisty for quarter-finals; rest to repechage) M Humbert-Fare (Fr) 12:716 br G Trodi (III, F Balanger (Fr) 12:219 bi K Freilag (Ger) M Ferns (Aus): 11:997 bi C Stoutssareva (Huss); G Enukhmo (Russ): 12:512 bi Donno Wynd (NZ); A Noumann (Ger): 12:478 bi Wendy Everson (GB); T Dutricoli (ICan): 12:590 bi C Grestine (Russ) CYCLING

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated Europeen under-21 championship Qualifying group four Austria v Scotland

Swansea v Lincoln ...

Nottinghamshire LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset

THE OVAL: Surray v Warwickshire HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Essex Third day of lour, 104 overs mannum CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Glamorgan PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire v Middlesen

ABBOT ALE CUP: Final; Lord's (11 0, 45 overs), Walkali v Chorley.

RUGBY LEAGUE Kick-all 7.30 unters stated MALIFAX STUDENT WORLD CUP: Bowt: Final: England v South Airica (at Freightev) Third place play-off; Russia v Scotland (at South Leeds Stadium, 5 0). Plate: Final: Iroland v Wales (at South Leeds Stadium, 7 0). Third place play-off; Jopon v United States (at Keightey, 4 30).

OTHER SPORT OTICHEN STORY

GYCLING: World track champonchap
(Manchester volodrome)

GOLF: British Maxters (Collinghee Park), St
Andrews Trophy (et Woodhall Soa, Lincolnshire) Johnnie Walker PGA Cup
(Gleneoglos).

SPEEDWAY: Conterence League: Aronal
Essex v Banwoh (9.0)

FOOTBALL Wednesday's late results

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division Barnsley 3 Reading 0; Stole City 1 Bradford 0: Swindon 1 Oldham 0; Wolverhampton Wanderers 1 Queens Park Rangers 1 SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP Second round:

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: 5. ICIS LEAGUE: Guardian Insurance Cup: Preliminary round: Epsom and Rivell 3 Wivenhoe 2, Flackwell Health 1 Bedford Town 4

Town 4
LEAGLIE OF WALES: Aberyswyth I
Caersws 2: Briton Ferry 1 Inter Cable-Tel 4;
Cemaes Bey 1 Caernarion 1. Corwy 1
Bangor Ot 0, Porthmadog 4 Holywell 1:
Ton Pentre 0 Barry 2 ULSTER CUP: Second round. Ards 3 Glentoran 4 (set, 3-3 after 90 minutes) Glenioran a (act. 3-5 area su manues)
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:
League Cup: Brighton 0 Bournemouth 0:
Bristol City 2 Oxford United 2, Crystal
Palace 0 Southampton 0; Liton 0 West
Ham 3; Mitwall 1 Tottenham Hotspur 2

Ham 3; Mithwall 1 Totlenham Hotspur 2
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Botron 1 Sheffield Wed 3 Leeds 1 Birmingham 0, Manchester United 5
Everton 2, Transmore 3 Debty 0, Pirst division Leicaster 1 Blackpool 0, Port Vale 4 Notis County 1, Sunderland 3 Aston Vita 3 ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Bowers 1 Brannwood 3

SPANSH SUPER-CUP: Finel, second leg: Atletico Madrid 3 Barcelona 1 (Barcelona wm 6-5 on agg) INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Russia 2 Brazil

2 In Moscow)
OUTCH LEAGUE: Viletse Amhem 1 Spana
Rotterdam 1, Utrocht 0 Twente Enschede 0
Groningen 1 Roda JC Verkrade 1.
Fevernord 2 Graatschap Doetrichem 1.
Willem II Tilburg 1 Rh C Waalvingh 3;
Volendam 1 PSV Endhoven 3. Ajax
Amsterdam 1 AZ Alkmaar 0
GERMAN I FACUE: Watershall C Tilburg 1 Amsterdam 1 AZ Alkmaur 0 GERMAN LEAGUE: Kartiruhe 4 St Pauli 0 Bayern Murrich 4 Bayor Leverkusen 0 Cologne 0 Hansa Rostock 2, Fortuna Dusseldori 0 1860 Murrich 0, Arminel Beelijkt 1 Dusburg 1

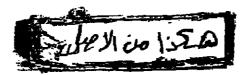
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ITAUAN CUP: Second round: Empoli 1
Milan 1 Spal 2 Regigiona 4 Lucchase 1
Vicenza 2. Cremonece 2 Udinese 1.
Cesona 3 Roma 1: Bologna 2 Torino 1:
Coscersa 1 Forentina 3; Aveltino 0 Lazio 1.
Bari 1 Verona 1 Pescara 3 Parma 1. Monza
0 Napoli 1. Chievo 2 Carpieri 3, Ravenna 0
Inter 1. Fidelis Andria 0 Juventus 2.

GOLF

COLLINGTREE PARK, Northampton: Braish Masters: Early second-round scores (BB and lie uniess stated) 142: D Chopta (Swe) 74, 68, 144; P.7/Melicy (Aus) 71, 73; C Rooza (In 71, 73, 145; P Mitchel 74, 71, P Wattor 71, 74, R Goosen (SA) 71, 74, 148; I Pyman 71, 75, E Romero (Arg 70, 76), 73, PCurry 76, 71 A Colhart 72, 75, PLawre 72, 75, 148; M Mouland 71, 77, B Rughes 72, 75, 148; M Mouland 71, 77, B Rughes 76, 73, W Rakey (Aus) 73, 75, P Froc 72, 75, 149; M Welch 76, 73, W Rakey (Aus) 71, 77, B Rughes 75, 75, D Hoggins 72, 78; R Drummond 72, 78; G Chaimers (Aus) 73, 75, P Rughes 75, 75, D Hoggins 72, 78; A Sherborne 74, 76, R Muntz (Holf) 69, 81

ORESRO, Swedern Company Open: Early first-round scores (Sa) 89; M Anuth Gray (Poli) 71; S Lambert, A Contactelott (So) 88; R Camedo (So) 89; M Anuth (Sove), E Stoen (Swe), L Noumann (Swe), M G Estuesta (Phil), L Naverso (Soi), P Scornstan (Swe), L Noumann (Swe), M Kettorn (Swe), L Noumann (Swe), M Kettorn (Swe), L Poscar, P Meurier (Sea), S Grontberg (Swe), K Korson, V Van Ryskeghem (Bel), 74; H Hell (Swe), S Grosen, P Meurier (Beats, Anderson, Swe), L Panding, M G Estuesta (Phil), L Naverso (So), C Resident (Swe), L Noumann (Burl), M G Estuesta (Phil), L Naverso (So), C Resident (Swe), L Noumann (Burl), M G Estuesta (Phil), L Naverso (So), C Resident (Swe), L Noumann (Bel), 74; H Hell (Swe), S Grosen, P Meurier (Bel), Anderson, M Medalli, K Mourque (Aus), C Schmitt (Fir, G Hos), S Moos

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Going to the dogs turns out to be a relative success

London, even further than 0181 telephone numbers: then Martha had Legoland, Sophie did not want to go to Whipsnade and museums are boring, you know B-O-R-I-N-G.
The film Independence Day?

Harriet had seen Independence Day and you had to be 15 to get into The Truth About Cats and Dogs; only one of us was over 15. What did I think?

I explained that my function was to take them for an end-of-holiday outing: they were to choose the location.

We want you to choose the location. I chose Hackney dogs: different, instructive, with an outside chance of being selffinancing.

The London Stadium at Hackney, to give the place its full name. is a luxurious, futuristic, difficultto-find greyhound stadium which went into receivership the day it opened last year; it lost its excellent chel just as people began going there for the food, and is now settling down with his talented successor. It is the handsomest establishment of its kind . . . which might be the reason for its failure. to date, to attract the multitudes. "Going to the dogs" and being served "terrine of rabbit with calvados and glazed kumquats" is a marriage still looking for





On Friday

The three-tier terrace restaurant seats in excess of 600 patrons. We were 48. Below is a bar whose customers boosted the attendance well into three figures. On the far side of the track is a good-sized stand. This was closed.

Each restaurant table affords a fine view of racing and has a closed-circuit television set on which you can watch the contest, get replays, Totalisator odds and information of coming events like championship. You can also switch channels: I

watched some of Great Railway Journeys on BBC2. Waitresses are



Martha, left, Sophie, centre, and Harriet study the form over dinner at the London Stadium

efficient, though not exactly overworked, and there is an abundance of green-blazered Tote staff who take diners' bets, bring them tickets, collect their winnings, commiserate at their losses.

Casino croupiers are taught to conduct games with speed; never, they are told, allow punters sufficient time to assess the situation, lest they consider the matter and

go home. At Hackney - "Have you booked?" asks the man at reception when "Thank goodness, you've come" would be more apposite - there is a race every 15 minutes: a blast of recorded hunting music, entry of six greyhounds. brief inspection of each by the veterinarian, parade past the stands, assembly behind the traps, handlers push dogs into traps.

official ensures that none has tail caught in machinery or muzzle pushed over eyes - and the electric hare is started.

It flashes past the traps, which open. And they race, sometimes one circuit, sometimes one and a half. The electric hare disappears into its housing, a dummy hare is thrown to help the dogs unwind, and the judge announces the order

of finish. A waitress brings tried fillets of plaice with best spinach and cream, tartar sauce, chips and the Tote woman ambles along to ask if we have yet made up our minds about the next race: There are the dogs coming out, now".

On page two of the racecard are printed the selections of grey-hound racing experts. I had explained the methodology of betting my granddaughter and her friends, a win bet means the dog must come first; place is first or second but pays less. Straight forecast is the winner and the runner-up in correct order; a reverse forecast is two bets but you win if your two selections finish first and second in either

I agreed to provide each girl with £2 for each race; they were to keep half their winnings.

In race one, Martha wanted El to win on dogs one, three and five. I explained that she was exceeding her budget by 50 per cent and with that bet, irrespective of which of her selections won, she was likely to lose. She sulked. Sophie, to show loyalty, said £2 to place No 3. Harriet decided to watch the race to get the hang of it. No 6 beat No 4, so Harriet did best.

None of the experts had picked the winner and two fanned melons and a watercress and scallop salad later we made our selections by looking at the dogs on parade,

taking into account their names, their trap numbers and the opinion of the professional tipsters: Harriet also noted the fastest recent times. Martha won the

In race seven, all tipsters gave the No I dog — "so he must win", suggested Harriet.

I explained that, were they to run a straight 400 metres, the same dog would win every time. but with four bends and the likelihood of being bumped and impeded, it was really anyone's race. So she backed No 4. The No 1

In race ten, we all got the right forecast and I went to the loo, turned on the tap to wash my hands and water cascaded all over my jacket and that of the man standing by the next handbasin: quite long odds against finding another person in the gents at

Hackney.
I put E2 on No 6 to beat No 1 in race 12, received £104 for my troubles, paid a share of this as a modelling fee to the three girls, who said: "This is much more fun than a theme park, we will be

I do hope Hackney will still be there for them. It is such a very uplifting place to take people with whom conversation does not necessarily flow of its own account like when there is a 60-year age gap between contestants.

EQUESTRIANISM

Phillips decides

to turn down

British approach

By JENNY MACARTHUR

CAPTAIN Mark Phillips has

decided, "after much delibera-

tion and heartache", to contin-

ue as trainer to the United

States three-day event team

rather than accept an offer

Speaking on the eve of his

Land Rover British Horse

Trials at Gatcombe, Phillips said: "I do not feel it would be

right to walk out on the

Americans with the job only

half done. My financial sec-

urity is also a consideration

with my job in America."

the next four years," John

Tulloch, the chairman of the

horse trials committee, said.

"but it is very understandable

that he feels he must complete

Bridget Parker, the chair-

man of the selectors, said: "It's

disappointing. We've tried to

involve him but obviously we

cannot match the money of-

Bruce Davidson, a member

of the United States' silver

medal-winning team at the

Olympic Games in Atlanta.

heads the field for the British

Open this weekend. David-

son, who won in 1986, has two

leading contenders in Squelch

and his 1995 Badminton win-

ner, Eagle Lion.

fered by the Americans."

his job in America."

from Great Britain.

GOLF: TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL APOLOGISES TO SPECTATORS AFTER FARCICAL DAY AT BRITISH MASTERS

Marshall targets Solheim Cup slot

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN OREBRO, SWEDEN

THE Solheim Cup plot thickened as the sky darkened on the rain-affected first day of the Compaq Open at Orebro yesterday. Kathryn Marshall, Pone of the Scots hoping for a wild card from Mickey Walker, the Europe captain for the match in Wales next month, splashed gallantly through the soaked course, her game brightened by four birdies in the first 12 holes.

She dropped her only shot at the 17th but shared second place on 69, three under par, with Marina Arruti, of Spain, one behind Raquel Carriedo, another Spaniard. "It was a slog," Marshall, who is playing her twelfth tournament in successive weeks," said. "It's a very good course but the conditions made it difficult. I'm at the end of my tether, but it's surprising how well you can play when you put your

Carin Koch, also hoping to receive a call, did her cause no harm with a round of 70, two under par, before the rain began, the greens became flooded and play was suspended for a couple of hours. Koch, a Swede with a fiery temper that she is working hard to control, missed the cut last week and hit her opening drive here into the trees, but salvaged her par, nonetheless. She was one over after ten but three birdies in the last four holes cheered her up.

It was not such a good day for Lora Fairclough, one of Koch's playing partners. The Lancastrian's hold on her Solheim Cup place - she occupies the last of the automatic spots - looked dangerously tenuous after an undistinguished 76 that contained four bogeys, three of them in the first six holes, and 36 putts.

Joanne Morley, the woman most likely to oust Fairclough, produced a neat 70 and continued to treat the prospect of a Solheim place with her customary sang-froid. "Just another day at the office," she said, leaving emotional excesses to others. "I left team golf behind when I turned professional and I'm out here to earn a living. If I play well, [1] get in the team. If I don't. I

 Such insouciance does not mean Morley does not care, she simply refuses to let on how much it would mean to her. A member of the victorious Curtis Cup team at Hoylake in 1992, she has been working with Lawrence Farmer, the respected professional at Moor Park, to improve her swing and is hitting the ball further as a result.

Helen Alfredsson, of Sweden, who will undoubtedly be one of the wild cards, also scored 70 and entertained her compatriots on the way. After hitting a wedge to eight inches for a birdie at the 17th, she hoicked her drive under a tree at the 18th. Hands on hips, she reviewed the situation, hit the hall into the trunk and it ricocheted clear of trouble. A seven-iron to 12 feet, a putt in the side door and Alfredsson had the sort of par she regards as routine.

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Green issue unites disgruntled players

THE One 2 One British Masters at Collingtree Park descended into the realms of farce yesterday, leaving PGA European Tour officials eener around the gills than the grass on which players were being asked to putt. It led to an outburst by Ian Woosnam, who said he had never putted on worse greens, and an apology by Mike Stewart, the tournament direc-

tor, who agreed with him. The putting surfaces are said to be affected by a condition known as annual meadow grass decline, but in plainer language they are grainy, inconsistent in speed. horrible to look at and worse to putt on - Paul Broadhurst, the Ryder Cup player, said he would not park his car on them, let alone play golf.

The situation is made all the more embarrassing for the powers-that-be by the fact that the Northampton course is owned jointly by the European Tour and Mark McCormack's International Management Group. Stewart apologised to the players before the tournament, and he followed that yesterday by doing the same to the spectators who had forked out £16 to get in.

"We're all disappointed that the greens have not been of a standard that we would wish for a tournament of this stature," Stewart said. "Up to three weeks ago they were fine, but circumstances have been such that the condition they are in is certainly not at a level that tournament

professionals desire." As scores mounted throughout the day, players became increasingly angry, and none of them was more furious than Woosnam. "The greens have gone, and there's no way they're going to come back," he said after a 76 that contained five bogeys. "The sponsors are putting so much money in, and when you have to play on greens like that, it doesn't do the sponsors any good and it doesn't do the Tour any good. They're the

worst I've ever putted on." Some players, meanwhile, were voting with their feet. By late afternoon, 11 had pulled out with ailments that varied from tendinitis to migraine to exhaustion. Professional golfers being the fine, upstanding people they are, the injuries were probably all genuine, but it was difficult to banish from the mind the phrase that involves sinking ships, and the desertion of them by small furry animals.

Howard Clark, one of the retirees, made a rapid exit with what was later described an arm injury, but it is hard to believe that a two-stroke penalty that was imposed on him by Stewart as he left the 17th green had nothing to do with his departure one hole later.

Clark's misdemeanour occurred on the 13th green after the caddie of Russell Claydon. one of his playing parmers, caught the edge of the hole with a ring, and Clark made the mistake of repairing the damage himself rather than



Woosnam chips onto the 18th green during his round of 76 yesterday

calling for an official to do it. "Howard was not happy when I told him," Stewart said with masterly understatement.

With the first round having been completed yesterday morning after Wednesday's thunderstorms, play continued long into the evening.

With Colin Montgomerie fading from the picture, the baton was taken up on four under par by Robert Allenby. His 71, completed late in the day with the greens at their worst, was

a small classic. The cut looked likely to fall on six over par, in vivid

contrast to the previous week,

memories is of Philip Scrutton

winning the Brabazon in 1954

because that was the day they

closed the railway line that ran

through the course. Another

memory is of Jim Payne, a

local boy, winning the British

Youths here in 1991. Tony

Jacklin was a member. He has

Hotchkin sold Woodhall

Spa to the English Golf Union

(EGU) a year ago and now the

peaceful acres where he grew

up resound to the roar of earth

movers and tractors carving

out a new course designed by

Donald Steel and extensive

practice facilities. The Japa-

nese had coveted Woodhall

Spa for years and Americans,

allegedly including Jack

Nicklaus, had also expressed

never broken 70.

when it was five under in the German Open at the laughably easy Schloss Nippenburg, near Stuttgart. That layout is also owned by the Tour and IMG: say what you like about their courses, they are certainly not boring.

AFTER ten years of relative the future of the sport in this stability, British ice hockey embarks on the new season with guarded optimism, contemplating a new structure and a sport that is going to cost great deal more to run than

it has in the past. The British League has been replaced by the Superleague, which laid down several criteria for membership to teams, one of the most important of which was said to be an arena with at least 5,000 seats. Of the eight teams, only three fulfil this particular criterion and at least two have little or no prospect of enlargement.

The Centrum, in Ayr, a new building that took ten years to complete, has only 3,000 seats and the smaller rinks will find it difficult to compete against the likes of Manchester (16,500), Sheffield (8,500) and Newcastle (7,500).

Assessing the strength of teams is confusing as they have been busy importing players whose pedigree is unknown in this country. As the Superleague made it clear from the outset that there would be no restriction on the number of overseas players, there has been a glut of Canadians, Swedes, Finns, Italians and Germans, to the

virtual exclusion of home-bred

products. This is not good for

country and is thought by many to mirror the events of the 1960s, which saw ice hockey almost disappear from When the revival began ten ears ago, the British Ice

Hockey Association made every effort to restrict the number of imports and youngsters had every incentive to improve as they saw an opportunity to join top clubs. Now, though. British players have become a rarity in the national team and could become even rarer in the Superleague. Below the top level, the sport

has become regionalised because the teams in the north of England and Scotland are unwilling, or unable, to devote as much money to ice hockey as those in the south. At least this means that there will be fewer imports in what are to be called the Premier League and the Northern Premier League. It is to be hoped that the home-bred players will be given a realistic chance to

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reach the highest level The first three weeks of the season are taken up with the Benson & Hedges Cup. Each group of four feams includes two Superleague teams and it is hard to imagine that any of them will fail to qualify for the

Hotchkin sets course on new venture John Hopkins finds Woodhall Spa's former owner still minding soon. One of my favourite

pits the best amateurs from Great Britain and Ireland against those from the Continent and, when the twoday match starts at Woodhall Spa this morning, it will hold articular significance for Neil Hotchkin, a small, darting man in his Eighties.

The significance might not be immediately obvious if one were to spot him, in his slightly distressed checked jacket with leather piping. bouncing around the golf course in a four-wheel drive vehicle - chatting cheerily to cock pheasants. At times like that, he looks as if he could be an elderly greenkeeper.

Appearances can be deceptive, though. Until recently. Hotchkin owned Woodhall Spa golf course which was laid out on family land by his father. He took over responsibility for it on the death of Colonel H. V. Hotchkin nearly 50 years ago. Since the course was recently ranked 29th in the world by an American magazine, it is a bit like being given ownership of a Rem-

Precious little is quite what it seems in the Lincolnshire town of Woodhall Spa, which has a kinema, not a cinema, and was the home of the RAF's 617 Squadron, the Dam Busters. Their officers' mess was located in the bar of the local

There is more to Hotchkin than meets the eye, too. He grew up in the Old Manor House where his bedroom overlooked the 18th green and the club's assistant pro used to bowl endlessly at him at a net in the garden.

Stafford Hotchkin, sometime MP, was a very good golfer and a cricketer, whereas his son set a scoring record of



Hotchkin: sale to EGU

459 runs in the Eton versus Harrow matches between 1931 and 1933 and played for Middlesex with Edrich and Compton but never could get lower than a handicap of eight.

the home of amateur golf' as it hosts the St Andrews Trophy

"I didn't have to pass an exam to enter Cambridge," Hotchkin recalled. Trinity asked me if I wanted to come up and play cricket for them and I said yes. I was too busy playing cricket at Hove to matriculate. 1 loved Cambridge. I was a nippy centre forward and it was there I started supporting Arsenal.

"I used to go to the dogs at the White City every week. The last race was at 9.30. I would watch it from the entrance of the stadium, have a taxi waiting to get me to King's Cross to catch the 9.55 train back to Cambridge. I always saw the last race and never missed my train - called the Flying Fornicator, by the way."

For years, Hotchkin worked as a stockbroker in London and returned to Woodhall Spa each weekend to see what had been done and to leave another list of instructions. Since retiring from the City, he

roaming the course that he regards with a fervour borderng on love. A professional event was

staged there once but Hotchkin did not enjoy it. Asked why, he wrinkled his nose in a manner that suggested disdain and returned with evident pleasure to the amateur events held at his club. "We've had three Braba-

zons, four English (amateurs). a home international. We've got the county finals coming

TODAY'S PLAY

Foursomes

B Howard and M Brooks (Scot) v D Olsson and M Erlandsson (Swe) W Bladon and R Wiggins (Eng) v S Garcia (Sp) and M Lateber (Holl) K Nolan (Ire) and G Wolstenholme (Eng) v C Ravetto (Fr) and M Lehtinen (Fin)

Bladon v Oksson Howard v Lafebe Bearnes v Ravetto M Ellis (Wales) v Giner Wolstenholme v A Brotto (it)

an interest in it. Hotchkin's decision to sell the golf club was lubricated by two bottles of wine. "By the time we had finished, we had decided we could start negotiating," he said. J Fanagan (Ire) and R Beames (Scot) v J M Lara and I Giner (Sp) The EGU were looking for

a home for amateur golf. I was delighted to be able to accommodate them. I have always felt that this was the spiritual home of amateur golf anyway. Somebody wrote that it was a marriage made in heaven. I liked that.

offers. So, although my heart lies in this country, the pru-

and there was a substantial after two weeks' rest. King found King William in difference between the two similarly boisterous mood. The 13-year-old gelding, who dent option was to continue His decision was greeted with dismay in Britain. "We are obviously very disappoint-ed that he will not be playing a major role with our team over

has completed ten four-star events but ended with a disappointing run in Atlanta, is now stepping down a level. "I'm keeping him mainly for one-day horse trials," King said. "He's going to be a fun horse Kristina Gifford has adopted the same approach with her 1993 European silver medal-

Mary King and Karen Dix-

on, two former winners, head

the British entry. Surprising-

ly, both riders are competing

on their Olympic horses, King

William and Too Smart, who

returned from Atlanta five

weeks ago.
"I hadn't intended to," Dix-

on said yesterday, "but Too Smart is so well that I thought

it was a shame not to ride him." The ten-year-old geld-

ing, who won the British Open in 1994, appears refreshed

winner, Song And Dance Man, whom she rides this weekend. The 17-year-old gelding is used for a variety of events, including the Melton Hunt Cup, in which he was runner-up this year. He has been third at Gatcombe for the past two years. If he were to succeed in this, his final attempt, there would be no more popular winner.

☐ The dressage phase of the world carriage driving championships, due to start yesterday in Waregem, Belgium, was postponed for a day because of heavy rain.

ICE HOCKEY

Superleague imports threaten home market

By Norman de Mesquita

indebted

to Barnett's

positive

approach

By JOHN THICKNESSE

CHESTERFIELD (first day of

four: Derbyshire won 10ss):

BEAUTIFULLY free batting

by Kim Barnett on a chilly

evening enabled Derbyshire

to finish well on top at the end

of a day in which they were in

danger of losing the initiative.

Worcestershire took advan-

tage of inaccurate bowling to

extract 194 runs from their last

six wickets from a precarious

When Derbyshire started

their reply. 24 hours before

the close, nothing seemed

more certain than that Philip

Weston, the Worcestershire opener, had played the in-

nings of the day. Carrying his

bat for exactly 100, his fourth

century of the summer, the oft

3in left-hander not only held

the innings together when

there was a threat of it

disintegrating, but also, in making his second 50 off 47

balls, stroked the ball as

sweetly through the covers as

Barnett, however, com-mandingly outshone him.

Dominating a partnership of 108 with Adrian Rollins. Der-

byshire's first three-figure opening of the campaign.

Barnett hit ten fours in a 69-

ball fifty before settling down

good 50 more than Derbyshire

would have banked on when

Curtis succumbed to a loose

stroke to Malcolm in the

opening over, and DeFreitas

disposed of Hick and Moody

in the first half-hour. Given

the downwind end in preference to Malcolm. DeFreitas

vindicated his captain's judg-

ment by beating both for pace.

second telling contribution

through a direct hit from 50

Malcolm, however, made a

Worcestershire's 238 was a

David Gower used to

to see the day out.

start of 44 for four.

CRICKET

Simmons excels as Somerset struggle

LEICESTER (first day of four: Leicestershire won toss): Leicestershire, with five firstinnings wickets in hand, lead Somerset by 119 runs

BEFORE a crowd that, in size if not in voice, could only be described as pathetic, Leicestershire bowled and then batted yesterday with an efficiency which could yet make them champions. They put Somerset in on a damp pitch, had them out for 83 all of their seamers taking wickets - and gained a considerable lead after tea. It merited some support from within the locality.

To blame the pitch for

Somerset's collapse would be facile. The lowest score of the season remains Durham's total of 67 against Middlesex, although when Somerset were 54 for eight, it seemed that this would be broken, as it were. Yet the last-wicket pair of Turner and Van Troost put together the biggest partnership of the innings — all of 16

A little more grass had been left on the pitch than usual and there was some moisture in it, seemingly the residue of rain earlier in the week. Both umpires pronounced themselves satisfied with the conditions. Somerset had the misfortune to lose the toss and then lacked the technical expertise to counter movement

in the air and off the pitch. For Leicestershire, this was a boon. In each of their past two matches they have been unable to take their opponents' last wicket. Now, they have the kind of advantage that surely they will not squander again. This has been

gained without the services of Mullally, Leicestershire having used no more than 13 players all season.

Millns was the principle wicket-taker. He now has 56 in first-class cricket this season. He had Trescothick caught behind — this a very fine diving catch by Nixon — then beat Harden with one that cut back, and finished off the tail as a good fast bowler should. Parsons gained the couple of wickets he customarily looks to take, and there were two apiece also for Wells and Simmons.

The West Indian all-rounder had Bowler caught athleti-cally by Parsons at first slip and then had Ecclestone legbefore half forward. He is likely to achieve a double of sorts this season, of 1,000 runs and 50 wickets. What with that and being the leading scorer in the Sunday league, Simmons is proving the ideal

overseas acquisition.
One of Leicestershire's strengths is that any number of players contribute in an unobtrusive way. They left out Aftab Habib yesterday, and they were effectively without Whitaker, who was unable to bat, owing to a bug. Yet, even without Nigel Briers, they have proved they have strength in depth.

Lee soon knocked out Wells's middle stump, but Macmillan, Maddy and Smith all made useful scores. The pitch had dried out by now, much to Caddick's disappointment. He did gain two wickets and held a catch at long leg when Simmons mis-hooked Lee, but Leicestershire, by then, were building

Cordial summer refreshes cricket

Simon Barnes sings

the praises of two

captains who have forgotten old feuds

fin de saison feel to it all yesterday. A bite of autumn in the air, the certain knowledge that the nights are drawing in. Limbs are heavier than they were a few weeks ago and, after a splendid if ultimately one-sided Test series, there is an air of anti-climax.

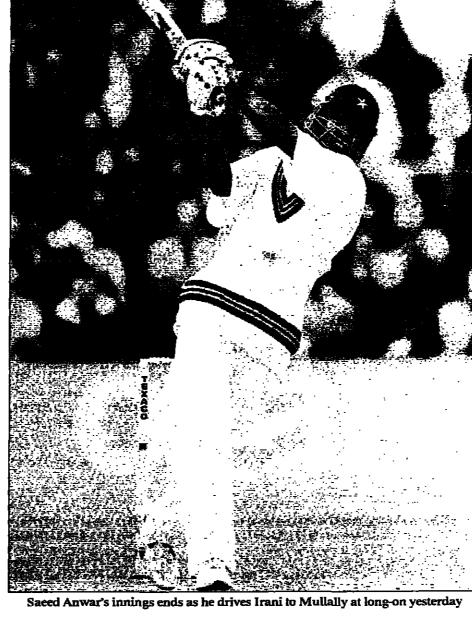
These three one-dayers are played for the Texaco Trophy; perhaps it is hard for the players to get over-excited about something that looks quite as much like a shaving mirror. Victory is as enervating as defeat, and in the shared vision of the light at the end of the tunnel, there was an air of weary cordiality about it all. I can live with that Now

am touching wood as I write these words, quite literally, on the wooden desks of the Old Trafford press box, but it really does seem to me, amid the first knockings of autumn, that we are on the point of getting through an England-Pakistan series without a major international incident. Touching, as I say, wood.

because these two nations have always had the knack of bringing out the worst in each other. I do not blame anybody in particular, in fact, I am inclined to blame everybody in the cricketing history of both countries since partition. But all this is by the way,

because, you see, there is no one to blame for anything very much this summer. In fact, we can even look for people to praise: these being the two captains, Michael Atherton and Wasim Akram. They are county colleagues, which does not by definition mean bosom pais, but it does at least make sure that they know each other's good sides

as well as most of the rest. Atherton was strong and resolute in defeat in the Tests; he gets a lot of practice. But achievement paled into insignificance beside that of his opposite number: Wasim has gone through an Anglo-



Pak Test series with cordial relations with both the opposition and his own side. A double-whammy of some magnitude. The last time that Pakistan toured England. in 1992, there was the infamous ball-tampering row. Wasim and Atherton did

not manage the miracle of mutual respect single-handed. They were given considerable help by the removal of a major bone of contention. This went with the introduction of the practice of including a third country umpire. Both countries have long had their bogeymen in umpire's

You will also recall in 1992 the absurd row between the English umpire, Roy Palmer. and the Pakistani bowler. Aqib Javed. Aqib believed that his woolly had been handed back to him in an insulting fashion and all hell

It would be hard to imagine more childish business, but happened all right, and it happened this summer. Not on the cricket field - praise the Lord - but in the High Court. What on earth induced

lan Botham to sue Imran Khan for libel? Speculation on that subject has been wild. The case certainly gave us all plenty of rather unedifying amusement, but it is perhaps appropriate that the traditional Anglo-Pak feud continued with this pair of dinosaurs. bellowing at each other across the Jurassic swamps of the High Court, while their descendents of modern times soared above the history of misplaced pride, unseemly

yards to run out Spiring before Solanki, hitting 11 wristy fours in a 07-ball 58, arrogance and perfect nonsense - and got on with the added 89 in 20 overs with Weston to begin to put the innings on its feet. WORCESTERSHIRE: First Im T'S Cutris of kniklen b Malcolm W P C Weston not out G A Hus. Ibw b DeFreitas "T M Moody b DeFreitas

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TS J Rhodes c Cork b Harris
R Lamper liber b Cork.
R K lifergereth c Jones b Harris
A Shenvar c Krisken b Harris
Extras (fb 6 w 1, nb 10)

Total (91.5 04/88) 1-0, 2-13, 3-23, 3-44, 5-133, 6-193, 7-194, 8-195, 9-238
BOWLING Marcotm 14-2-95-2, DeFreitas 10-14-2, 4-37-1, Dean 2-0-5-0 DERBYSHIRE: First innings J Barnett not out S Rollins a litingworth b Lampiti

J Adams not out does (\$) 2, w 1, no 18) BOWLING Sherryar 7-0-29-0, Preece 6-0-40-0, Moody 3-0-14-0, Lampti 8-1-41-1 (fingworth 11-5-31-0 Solanki 6-3-9-0

Derbyshire | Lewis puts | 1 troubles behind him as Surrey take charge

BY SIMON WILDE

THE OVAL (first day of four. Surrey won toss): Surrey, with all first-innings wickets in Derbyshire, with nine firsthand, are 113 runs behind innings wickers in hand, are Warwickshire 72 runs behind Worcestershire

> REMEMBERING to inform the England management that he will be late may escape him. but Chris Lewis missed few tricks in leading a Surrey championship side for the first time yesterday, in a match in which the Test and County Cricket Board did not want him to play. He won the toss (for which he was punctual), took four wickets and marshalled his troops in a masterly first-day campaign against

Warwickshire. However he is regarded when he wears the three lions. Lewis is among friends at the Oval. When the players were told that Chris would lead them in this match, they were delighted," David Gilbert, the Surrey coach, said yesterday.

They have a deep respect for him as a player and what he has done.'

He can only have grown in their estimation yesterday. Surrey need to win this match and at lunch Warwickshire were reeling at 85 for six, three of the wickets having fallen to Lewis, and it is a phase of play that may prove to have been decisive. The visitors recovered slightly through a sev-enth-wicket stand of 101 between Piper and Giles but were all out for 195 and Darren Bicknell and Butcher, the Surrey opening batsmen, had carefully put together 82 runs by the close.

If truth be told, English cricket's most celebrated owner of a Mercedes convertible was allowed the inside lane to success. Khan, caught at second slip off Lewis's fourth ball, Ostler and Penney, both caught at the wicket, were all guilty of chasing wide balls, while Piper took leave of his senses in shouldering arms to a ball that went on to hit his middle stump. Lewis's best ball of the day

was probably the one that took the edge of Giles's bat when he was 19 runs into an excellent half-century off 46 balls, but Brown spilled the sharp chance at second slip and badly bruised his right hand in the process. Lewis, who also took the best catch of the day to remove Powell in the gully. was well supported by Julian, who overcame no-balling problems to polish off the tail and finish with four for 66.

If Lewis let himself down at all, it was in his customary exaggerated celebration of a wicket. After each one, he went on a bizarre impersonation of an airplane in flight. That is not in any manual on the art of captaincy.

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Essex toil to extend title run

HEADINGLEY (first day of four, Yorkshire won toss): Essex, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 211 runs the Essex cause, though. behind Yorkshire

CRAIG WHITE has never been the most confident of cricketers, but it was his growing self-belief that did most to threaten Essex's position as county championship leaders (Pat Gibson writes). White looked the player Raymond Illingworth has always believed him to be in making 76, including a six and ten fours, off 106 balls.

Yorkshire reached a challenging total of 290.

The elements did not help There was early success for Williams when he had Vaughan caught at second slip but, after that, they struggled to come to terms with the wind and, in the case of Cowan, the contours of Headingley.

It was left to Gooch, pressed into service into the wind, to get rid of Byas before Williams returned to claim Moxon, who was caught at slip after scor-

ing 59.
The youngsters, McGrath With Blakey helping him to and Kettleborough, did not get put on 115 in only 25 overs, far, but White and Blakey

played with verve until Grayson had White caught behind off his pad. Blakey had made 57, when he was caught in the gulley off llott, who took the last three wickets in five balls.

Still, Yorkshire would have settled for around 300 and their total was put in perspective when Grayson quickly fell to Silverwood and Gooch struggled for more than an hour over 15, until Hartley had him caught by Blakey. Hussain and Prichard had

taken Essex to 79 for two by the close but they are going to have to play very well from here to extend their run of five championship victories.

Kent held up by weather

gloomy skies relented long enough to allow 50 minutes of eventful play at Tunbridge Wells yesterday before near darkness descended again. In that time, Kent, the joint championship leaders, bowled ten overs, the first three Nottinghamshire batsmen fell victim to lively bowling by

ankle.

McCague and Ealham, and, before he could deliver his first ball, Phillips fell in his deliv-

batting, especially against

successive balls in his third over. Johnson played his usual punchy. back-foot strokes. stemming the tide for a while with Metcalfe, but, with the total 40. Falham caused Metcalle to play across an outswinger shortly before bad

Ramprakash (81 not out) shared an unbroken secondwicket partnership of 177 to give Middlesex a solid advantage

Bill Athey compiled a typically painstaking century to help Sussex to reach 285 for six against Lancashire at Hove. The former England opener struck 15 houndaries in a stay of nearly 4½ hours, facing 217 balls in his third hundred of the season.

Jack Russell came to Gloucestershire's rescue against Northamptonshire with his third half-century in as many innings.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

SUSSEX: First Innings N J Lenham c Speak b Green C W J Athey c Hegg b Wattinson F Greenfield c Speak b Austin ... A P Wells c Trichard b Gelhan V Peels C and b Austin
V C Orakes not out
†P Moores c Wathinson b Austin
D R Law not out
Edias (b 3 to 7, w 1, nb 2)

to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-68, 2-111, 3-147, 4-217, 5-238, 6-276 BOWLING Chappie 20:2-82-0; Green 19-3-85-1 Austra 24-10-34-3; Walfanson 17-6-42-1; Gallian 8-3-17-1; Keedy 6-1-15-0 LANCASHIRE: S P Tirchard, J E R Galhan J P Crawley, N H Fauthorher, N J Speak, "M Walburson, 1W K Hegg, ! D Austin, G Chapple, R J Green G Keedy

Bonus points Sussex 2 Lancastive 2 Umpires: H.D. Bird and D.J. Constant Yorkshire v Essex HEADINGLEY (first day of four, Yorkehire won loss.) Essex, with eight first-annings wickats in hand, are 211 runs behind Yorkehire.

BOWLING, Caddick 23-6-62-2. Rose 13-2-36-1: Lee 12-3-51-2; van Troost 5-0-22-0; Balty 8-1-25-0 YORKSHIRE: First Innings Bonus points: Leicestershire 5 Somerset 2

YORKSHIRE: First Innings
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M P Vaughan c Gooch b Williams
'D Byas c Hussain b Gooch
A McGrath c Lewis b Such
R A Kottloborough b Williams
C White c Rollins b Grayson
TR J Blakey c Grayson b lott
P J Hartley c Prictord b Grayson
G M Hamitten not out
C E W Silverwood c Hollins b Kott
R D Stemp c Lewis b flott
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Total (84.1 overs) WARWICKSHIRE, Frat Innings A J Moles tow b M P Bicknell W G Khan c Brown b Lows M J Powell c Lewis b Benjamin D P Ostler c Kersey b Lewis

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A P Grayson c Byas b Silverwood
N Hussain not out
P J Prichard not out Extras (b 5, nb 2) Total (2 wkts, 24 overs) . BOWLING: M P Bicknell 12-4-29-1, Lows 14-3-45-4; Julian 12-1-66-4; Benjamin 9-4-J J B Lewis, S D Petors, tR J Rotters, M C Rott, N F Williams A P Cowan and P M Such 22-1. Holioaka 2-0-19-0; DJ Bicknet 1-0-6-FALL OF WICKETS: 1-19, 2-54

BOWLING: Silverwood 6-1-22-1, Hamilton 6-1-20-0; Harriley 6-1-20-1; White 3-0-6-0; Stemp 3-0-6-0. Bonus points, Yorkshire 2 Essen 4 Durham v Glamorgan

CHESTER-LE-STREET (second day at laur): Glamorgan, with all second-invings wickers in hand, are 153 runs ahead of functions. DOMLING Altree 7-3-5-0. Munton 7:3-2-15-0: Brown 5-1-20-0: Glies 8-2-17-0, Wolch 7-1-25-0. GLAMORGAN: Pirst Innings Bonus points: Surrey 4 Warwickshire 0

O D Gibson b Saggers
D A Cost er low b Saggers
S L Warton c Roseberry b Saggers
O T Parton not out
Entras (b 5 lb 5 w 6 nb 4) Total (77.1 overs) FALL OF WICKETS 1-11, 2-58, 3-58, 4-131, 5-200, 6-200, 7-216, 8-242, 9-242 BOWLING Brown 21:3-62-1; Saggers 16 1-2-65-6, Welker 21:2-50-1, Bens 17-1-71-2; Bienturan 2-1-1-0

Second Innings S P James not out Extras (w.3) Totat (no wk:1) .. BOWLING Brown 3-0-5-0 Saggers 2-0-3 DURHAM: First Innungs

J E Brown c Dale b Parlun J Saggers c Shaw b Walton Walker not out A Walker not out Extras to 4, to 1, nb 2) Total (47.4 overs) ...

FALL OF WCKETS, 1-17, 2-36, 3-51, 4-94, 5-98, 6-105, 7-111, 8-114, 9-114 Bonus ponts Durham 4 Glamorgan 6

Hampshire v Middlesex PORTSMOUTH (second day of four) Middlesex, with fine second-innings wick-ets in hand, are 193 runs alread of Hampshire

MIDDLESEX: First limings 199 (k. R Brown 57, L.J. Botham 5 for 67)

Total (1 wkt) FALL OF WICKET 1.49 BOWLING Bowli 12-1-50-1, Renshaw 11-1-58-0: Udal 8-2-19-0; Botham 6-2-37-0-James 9-0-30-0; Maru 6-1-20-0; Kendali 1-0-1-0

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings G W White c Pooley b Fraser K D James c Brown b Fav K D James c Brown to Fay
M Koech c Pooloy b Fay
"R A Smith to Fay
W S Kendolf c Brown to Freser
R J Manu c Pooley b Fay
1A N Aymes c Galten b Freser
L J Botham c Pooley b Johnson
5 D Udal c Brown b Freser
J N B Bowlin c Johnson b Freser
J N B Bowlin c Johnson b Freser
S J Renzhaw not out
Extract bd 4, not 12
Total (87 overs) Total (87 overs) 232
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-18, 3-66, 4-104, 5-124, 6-168, 7-217, 8-217, 9-231.

BOWLING: Frésor 28-8-55-5; Fay 28-9-77-4 Johnson 28-5-87-1, Turnell 3-1-5-0. Weetles 2-0-4-0 Bonus points: Hampshire 5 Middlesex 4 Umpires A Clarisson and A G T Whilehead



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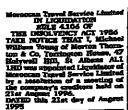
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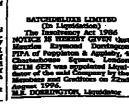
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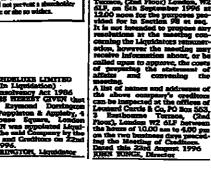
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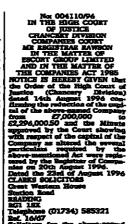
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made a Scheme for this clausity. A
converse to a seen for the party.

Pooley (106 not out) and Mark THE wet pitch surrounds and McCague, who removed Robinson and Archer with

ery stride and wrenched an In putting Nottinghamshire in to bat, Marsh had proved a shrewd judge. It was no fun

light intervened, with finality. little harder on his second day

Liam Botham found life a

in first-class cricket. He made a promising 30 in an hour at the crease, as Hampshire reached 232 all out for a firstinnings lead of 33 over Middlesex, but then conceded 37 runs in only six overs. Jason

Britannic Assurance

county championship Gloucestershire v

Northamptonshire

BRISTOL (Inst day of lour: Gloucestershire won loss) Northamptonshire, with six first Innings wickels in hand, are 60 runs behind

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First hining:
DR Heisson or limes to Ambrose
M G N Windows o Ripley to Ambrose
A Symords but to Peribodity
I I Dawson tow to Capel
M A Lynch o Righey to Capel
M A Lynch o Righey to Capel
M W Alleyner o Ambrose to Capel
R P Daws o Salos to Curran
M C J Ball to Penberthy
A M Smith o Righey to Taylor
C A Walsh in not out

"C. A. Walsh not out Extras (b. 1, bo 7 w. 1, nb. 14)

BOWUNG: Ambrose 16-4-34-2: Taylor 18-5-9-38-1, Capel 13-2-34-3, Penberthy 16-1-50-3, Curran 6-2-19-1

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Immigs
R R Montgomerie Bow b Alloyne 2
A J Swarm Bow b Smith 2
D J Capel c Ball b Alleyne 7
C M Curren not out 3
L Penberthy not out 3
Extras (b 3, nb 6) 1
Total (4 with 35 merch) 12

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-6, 2-39, 3-48, 4-81.

BOWLING Walsh 11-2-26-0; Smath 11-5-30-1; Alloyne 12-2-63-3, Ball 1-0-1-0

Bonus points: Gloucestershire 1 North-

Kent v Nottinghamshire

TUNBRIDGE WELLS (last day of lour, Kent

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First linnings

TRobinson c Marsh b McCague

A Metcatte low to Ealharn

Umpres: J D Bond and J H Hams,

Leicestershire v Somerset

LEICESTER (first day of lour Lancostershire won loss). Lecestershire, with two first-minings weiters in hand, are 119 runs ahead at Somerset

SOMERSET: First innings

M N Lathwell c Noon b Parsons ...

G F Archor b McCague

*P Johnson not out
M P Downer not out

Total (3 wkts, 10 overs) ...

Umpres: 8 Leadbeater and R A White

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M E Trescothick o Nuon b Milins
P D Bowler o Parsons b Simmons
R J Harden flow b Milins
S C Ecclestone flow b Simmons
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D Rose c Parsons b Wells
B Caddut, b Milits
P von Troost c Simmons b Milits
tras (tb 2)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-4, 2-4, 3-14, 4-27, 5-30, 6-42, 7-46, 8-54, 9-67 LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

Total (5 wkts, 61 overs) _____202
*JJWhitaker, D.J Milins, G.J Parsons and M. I Brunson to bal. ALL OF WICKETS 1-19, 2-74, 3-159, 4-76, 5-202

Umpres: V A Holder and K E Palmer, Surrey v Warwickshire THE OVAL (first day of four Suney won toss) Suney, with all test-minings wichets in hand, are 113 runs behind Warwickshire.

T L Penney c Kersey b Lews . D R Brown c Hoboake b Julian D H Brown C Hospoare D Julian
H J Piper b Lews
A F Glios c D J Bicknell b Julian
G Watch not our
T A Murron b Julian
D A Alfree b Julian

C L Carris, K P Evans, tW M Noon, C M Tolley, M N Bowen and J A Afford to bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-14, 2-14, 3-40 SURREY: First Innuncia D J Bicknell not out M A Butcher not out Extras (w 1, nb 2) BOWUNG: McCague 5-1-25-2; Eelham 5 JD Ratcliffe, N Shahid, A D Brown, "C C Lews, B P Julian, B C Hofficale, t G J Kersey, M P Bicknell and J E Benjamin to bat. KENT: O P Fulton, M J Walker, T R Ward, C L. Hooper, N J Llong, M A Eatham, M V Florning, "1S A Marsh, M J McCague, T N When, B J Philips Bonus ponts: Kent 1 Nottinghamshire 0

> Umpires: G | Burgess and J H Hampshire Sussex v Lancashire HOVE (first day of four; Sussex won loss); Sussex have scound 285 for six wickets against Lancashire

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RUGBY UNION: NEWCASTLE CHAIRMAN SEES CHALLENGE TO SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE SUPREMACY AFTER DOMESTIC REVOLUTION

Hall sounds battle cry for clubs

By David Hands, rugby correspondent

"THE Rugby Football Union John said. "There are reformers on more than it has ever done with the thinks it can treat us like a puppy. like a big labrador and toss us a biscuit every now and again to keep us happy. Well, the RFU may find out that what they have is an alsatian, not a labrador." The speaker was Sir John Hall, the place St James' Park and the time 48 hours before England's senior clubs decided to recommend a

rupture with their governing body. Sir John, chairman of Newcastle United Sporting Clubs, was the first outsider to enter the world of "open" club rugby 51 weeks ago, when he took over Newcastle Gosforth, imported Rob Andrew as his director of rugby and outlined his vision for the sporting renais-

sance of the North East.

Since then he has been followed by other rich men prepared to invest millions in English rugby nor, it should be noted, England rugby, though all would acknowledge the potential international spin-off if club rugby at the highest level could raise its standards. There are now a dozen ownerinvestors in the first and second divisions of the Courage Clubs

Championship, all of whom have grown impatient with the RFI! "Quite a lot of the RFU would be

the RFU committee but not enough of them and, when the in-fighting has finished, there can be no certainty that they will have won. So, if the conservatives want us to go, they should tell us now and we'll go and play professional rugby as we want to play it, without

any fetters or restrictions."

Instead, it is the clubs are preparing to wave goodbye to the union under whose aegis they have played the game since 1871 and, in Sir John's view, it will be a move for the better. "We want English, we want British rugby to be strong because it will be a tremendous product and we could challenge the

southern nations much more effect-

ively." he said.

When Ross Turnbull came over from Australia a year ago, trying to establish the World Rugby Corporation, we turned him down because it wasn't right for British rugby. Since then, we've tried to find an accommodation with the RFU but all they've done is give a

little, then take so much back. They want district rugby, pri-macy of contract, control of TV deals and that's stifling the clubs. English clubs want to burst their

shackles, the game will develop in

RFU. You only have to look at the figures: for a start we, the investors, will put £30 million a year into club rugby, which will find its way down to the academies, the medical side, the coaching, the

"If you look at the RFU accounts, by my reckoning they have been able to invest on average in the last four years £2 million a year, in 2,000 clubs. And people tell me that the clubs will not change

The clubs have to do the deals. that is paramount. No one can say that people like me, Nigel Wray [at Saracens, Ashley Levett (at Richmond don't know how to deal with television companies better than the pundits at the RFU.

"Money gives you power and independence, players will be driven to better standards, but this present generation of players now has a difficult decision to make. If we don't release players, what will the unions do? We, the clubs, can give them domestic and European competition, we could even give them our own international rugby. They are under contract to us and I

would expect them to support us in

every major dispute with the



Lions hope to be unifying force

By DAVID HANDS

ON THE day the British Isles completed the formation of the most experienced management team in their history, they learnt that many of the players they are likely to want for the tour to South Africa next summer may not even be representing their country in the

coming season. If England's leading clubs break away from the Rugby Football Union (RFU), as they have threatened to do, no one can guarantee that they will make their players available for such fixtures as

England have already organised. The Lions management will cross their fingers that it will not come to that. As Fran Cotton, the tour manager, said in Cardiff yesterday, they appear the one cohesive force in British rugby in a period of unmitigated strife; their aim is to bring together the best of the players from the four home unions under the guidance of Cotton, Ian McGeechan and his

fellow Scot, Jim Telfer, who has been confirmed as assistant coach. It is five years since McGeechan and Telfer last linked, guiding

third Scot, Rob Wainwright, could captain the Lions. Since Will Carling has stepped down as the England captain, with no intention of undertaking any more long tours, the post is wide open.

The rift between the clubs and the RFU has been emphasised by Wasps threatening legal action against the union, which they perceive to be hindering a work permit for their recruit from rugby league, Va'aiga Tuigamala. "We applied for an extension of Inga's rugby league work permit but it was turned down," Charles Levenson, the Wasps legal adviser,

are having a judicial review." Tuigamala, who will return home to Western Samoa if his move to Wasps falls through, has fallen foul of an agreement between the RFU and the Department of Employment which permits the signing of overseas players only if

said. "We find it irrational and we

they have played a union international within the past 18 months. London Scottish passed into new ownership on Wednesday night after a stormy extraordinary general meeting. Tony Tiarks, who played for the dub in the 1970s but

is now based in Monaco, bought

Scotland through the 1991 World Sir John at St James' Park, the heart of his sporting empire Cup, and it remains possible that a

happy to wave us bye-bye." Sir the next ten years a thousand times CLUB-BY-CLUB GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISION



BATH

Perennial champions during

the last decade of amateurism,

Bath are certain to present a

powerful challenge. Innova-

tive coaching is combined with

obvious weakness is strength

in depth at lock; Redman and

Haag having papered over the

cracks for years.

Director of rugby: John Hall.

Captain: Phil de Glanville

salented players and the only



HARLEQUINS

Twenty years ago Harlequins

used to be described as the

league of nations and now

they are once again. Much of

their new blood is among the

forwards, but Gary Con-

nolly's recruitment this week

from rugby league has beefed

Captain: Jason Leonard.

IN: Laurent Bénezech (Recing), Hilton Brown (Goucester), Laurent Cabarnes (Racing), Gary Connolly (Wigan RL), Mike Corcoran (London Inish), Huw Harnes (Cardiff), Jason Keyter (Bristol), Gareth Llewellyn (Neath), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), Glyn Llewellyn (Neath), Dan Luger (Orrell), Simon Owen (Moseley), Robbie Paul (Bratord Butls RL), Keith Wood (Garryowen) OUT: Simon Brown (Bedtord), Will Greenwood (Leicesler), Adam Jones (Riichmond), Steve Lloyd (Worcester).

up the back division.

Captain: Jason Leonard

Director of rugby: Richard Best. Coach: Andy Keast.



The absence of the injured

Bayfield in the first half of the

season will be a hindrance.

but a talented back division, a

year older, will be worth

Director of rugby: Ian McGeechan
Coaches: Paul Larkin/Geoff Winght
Captain: Tim Rodber
IN: Mark Fontaine (Bristol), John Heam
(New South: Wales) Mart. Stewert
(Blackheath), Shem Tatupu (Wigan RL)
OUT: John Etherdge (Bedford), Frank
Packman (Wellingborough), Mark
Pincham (Rugby Lons), Gavin Webster
(Botherham).

Director of rugby: Ian McGeechan

watching.





NORTHAMPTON SARACENS year ago Northampton A new home and a new, claimed to be the club best glamorous image will cut prepared for the professional little ice with those clubs more era. Now their words will be accustomed to success. Yet the tested in a way that the second presence of so influential a division title romp did not. player as Lynagh, allied to a

> diverse skills of Bracken and Sella, should secure a midway

competitive back row and the

Director of ruotov: Mark Evans Coach: Rob Curningham. Captain: Tony Diprose.

Captain: Tony Diprose.
IN: Ayran Brackeri (Birstol), Darren Edwards (Cardiff IHE), Metthew Evans (Cardiff IHE), Paddy Johns (Dungarnon), Brimah Kebbie (Huddersfield RL), Michael Lynagh (Treviso) Marcus Olsen (Bath), Philippe Selfa (Agen), Paul Wallace (Bieckrock College), Richard Wallace (Garryowen)
OUT: Eddie Halvey (Shannon)



BEDFORD

translate their organisation

second division. Renewed com-

mitment off the field to restore

Bedford to former glories and

Captain: To be appointed
IN: Stuart Anderson (London Scottish),
Smon Brown (Harlequins), Sean
Cassidy (Newcastle), Anthony Etwine
(West Hartlepool), John Etheridge
(Northampton), Paul Hewitt (Sale), John
Kerr (Winnington Park), Steve McCurrie
(Widnes RL), Martin Offiah (Wigen RL),
Jett Probyn (Wass), Martin Pepper
(Harlequins), Mike Rayer (Cardiff), Rob
Scott (London Scottish), Paul Turner
(Salet).

they should press hard.

Director of rugby: Geoff Cooke.

Coach: Richard Greed Captain: To be appointed

LONDON SCOTTISH: Unable to sustain a promising The alliance of Cooke and Paul Turner offers infinite possibilistart last season and with no ties, but the players have to significant change in personnel since. Smith made a into action in a cut-throat distinct mark with Orrell and,

if he gets the ball, should continue to press representa-tive claims, but hard to fore-

Director of rugby: lain Russell Coach: John Sleele. Captain: Simon Holmes

table.

see anything better than mid-



NOTTINGHAM Nottingham occupy an unenviable position, with powerful Leicester to the south and newly-rich Leeds to the north.

The limit of their ambition will

be to cling on to seconddivision status, while the moneyed clubs slug it out for

honours.

Director of rugby: Roger Whitaker. Coaches; Simon Hodgkinson/Roger Taylor Captain: Alan Rover. IN: Murray Craig (Leicester), Richard Tominson (Rugby Lions), Steve Wills

(Leicester). OUT; Matt Gallagher (Coventry), Steve Reed (Boroughmur), Andy Smallwood

RICHMOND

It will be instructive to see how

many of the XV that won

promotion last season find

their way into the new era. The

key to promotion will be how

Captain: Ben Clarke.

(N): Allan Bateman (Cronulla), Chris
Clarke (Bath), Ben Clarke (Bath), Alex
Coding (Blackheath), Steve Cottrell
(Cambridge University), Adman Daves
(Cardiff), Jim Fallon (Leeds RLJ, Rowan
Fuller (Moseley), Ben Harvey (Bristol),
Adam Jones (Harlequins), Rob Leach
(West Hartlepool), Dan McFartand (Morley), Neil Martin (Moseley), Simon
Mason (Orrell), Andy Moore (Cardiff),
Bran Moore (Harlequins), Craig
Quinnell (Llanelli), Scott Quinnell (Wigan
RL), Sam Rush (Ordord University), Alan
Sharkey (Blackrock College), Cameron
Short (London Irish), Adam Vander
(Bath), Richard West (Gloucester)
OUT: None

quickly the newcomers gel.

Director of rugby: John Kingston.

Coach: John Kingston

Cantain: Ben Clarke.

loyalty among the key person-nel — Malik off the field. Bishop on it — that deserves reward.

Director of rugby: Mal Malik. Coach; Mal Malik. Coech: Mal Malik.
Ceptain: Devid Bishop
IN: Mark Beauchamp (Bristol), Damian
Cummins (Gloucester), Jim Dickin (Bristol), Peter Jones (Gloucester), Alastair
Kennedy (Cambridge University), Mark
Pincham (Northampton), Simon
Smolden (Sutton Coldfield), John Stewart Pharmodale).

ari (Harrogate). OUT: Mark Palmer (Old Laurenlians). Trevor Revan (Dijon)

WAKEFIELD

So long Wakefield have been

the banner wavers at club

level for the huge rugby-

playing population in York-shire. They are still ambitious,

but stern opposition is arriv-

ing from Rotherham. At least

the drift across the Pennines

has slowed and Wakefield's

Captain: Simon Croti
IN: Jonatinan Flint (Otley), Steve Jones
(West Hartispool), Phil Lancaster (West
Hartispool), Paul Manley (Orrell), Peter
Massey (Moriny), Richard Thompson
(West Hartispool), Ian Wynn (Orrell),
OUT: Gavrn Baldwan (Leeds), Nick
Green (Leeds), Mathew Inman (Rotherham), Marcus Kelly (Huddersfield),
Andy Melicalle (Gloucester), Nick Miller
(Rotherham), Martin Price (Huddersfield)

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pack should be competitive.

Director of rugby: None.

Coach: Jim Nilioyle Captain: Simon Crok

RUGBY LIONS

survival, but Rugby have

become accustomed to that of

late. Yet there is an attractive



BRISTOL

The struggle to force a way

into England's top six will

continue for Bristol who have

lost key personnel in Bracken,

Thomas and Archer. If Burke

and Jones gel at half back.

they may capitalise on a

useful pack, but there is no

obvious sign of a powerful

Captain: Martin Corry
IN: Paul Burke (Cork Constrution),
Patrick Charmery (Mompelier), David
Corkery (Cork Constitution), Robert
Jones (Swansea), Fraser Waters (Batth),
OUT: Garath Archer (Newcastle), Bob
Amstrong (Exeler), Mark Beauchamp
(Rugby Lions), Kyran Bracken (Saraces), Jim Dickin (Rugby Lions), Mark
Fontaine (Northamption), Jason Keyler
(Harlequins), Nick Smith (Gloucaster),
Arwel Thomas (Swansea), Ben Harvey
(Richmond), Gavin Sharp (Henley).

strike force wider out.

Director of rugby: Alan Davies.

Captain: Martin Corry

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LEICESTER

The talent is there, but can

Leicester make the philosophi-

cal change that proved beyond

them last season, when they

had to give best to Bath in

league, cup and style? Under

Dwyer, they will seek a more

adventurous policy, in the

knowledge that their strong



The onset of professionalism has cost Orrell two-thirds of the team that helped to sustain first-division rugby last season. It is hard to foresee anything other than a struggle. Director of rugby: Peter Williams Coach: Andy Maclarlane

ORRELL

Coach: Andy Maclartane
Captain: To be appointed
IN: Franc Bolica (Castletord RL), Steve
Cook (Vest Hartlapcol), David Gaskelf
(Liverpool St Helens), John Hamison (St
Hetens RL), David Lvon (Leigh RL), Paul
Rees (Wimnington Park), Jason Smith
(Waterloo), Shuan, Tumer (Waterloo),
Michael Worsley (Sale)
OUT: Steve Bibby, (Valerloo), Clive
Cooper (Stoke), Carl Fenton (Waterloo),
Austin Healey (Leicester), Paul Johnson
(Leids), Dan Luger (Hartequins), Paul
Manley (Waterleid), Simon Mason
(Richmond, Richard Matthias (Leids),
Peter Minchel (Worcester), Alan Peacock (Morley), Graeme Smith (L Scotlish), Phil Winstanley (Sale), Ian Wynn
(Waterleid) pack can always bail them out. Director of rugby: Bob Dwyer. Coach: Jan Smith Captain: Dean Richards. IN: Grey Austin (Huddersfield RL), Will Greenwood (Harfequins), Austin Healey (Onell), Craig Joiner (Metrose), Rob Liley (Sale), Nei Fletcher (Mosaley). Liley (Sale), Nei Fietcher (Mossiey); OUT: Murray Craig (Nothingham), Jamie Hamilton (London Scottish), Jez Harris (Covertry), Wayne Killord (Covertry), Andy McAdam (Covertry), Richle Robin-son (Coventry), Chris Tarbuck (London Scottish)



WASPS

Nothing wrong with the approach and greater strength in the pack this year. The young half-back partnership of Gomarsall and King will be critical and this season they are more of a known quantity. When Wasps come good they will be very good and will be worthy of their shared home

at Loftus Road. Director of rugby: Nigel Melville Coach: Rob Smith Captain: Lawrence Dallaglio

Captain: Lawrence Dallagio
IN: Damian Cronin (Bourges), Mike
Griffets (Cardill), Alex King (Bristol
University), Matthew Lewis (Bridgend),
Gareth Rees (Newport), Paul Sampson
(Otley), Crins Sheasby (Harlequins),
Valaiga Turgamala (Wigan RL),
OUT: Chris Braitinwate (Blackheath),
Paul Detaney (Harlequins), Matt Griffets
(Blackheath), Jeff Probyn (Bedford),
Steve Shortland (Blackheath), Chris
Wilkins (Blackheath)



BLACKHEATH

Another old club with new money. Blackheath have been rebuilding slowly but surely for some seasons now and will be competitive, without taking the division by storm. That, for now, may be enough.

Director of rugby: Iain Exeter. Coach: Danny Vaughan. Captain: John Gallagher. Captain: John Gallagher.

IN: Tom Billups (Old Blues, US), Chris Braithwaite (Wasps), Abi Broku (Haldax RL). David Fitzgerald (Swarsea University), John Gallagher (Ledos RL), Steve Johnson (Llanelli), Matt Griffliths (Wasps), Tim Jensen (ACT, Australia), Ray Leinner (Old Blues, US), Riob McCorduck (Abertillery), Andy Park (NIFC), Chris Pawson (Exeter University), Steve Shortland (Wasps), Mark Soypec (Moseley), Chris Williams (Wasps)

(Nirru), Sans, Strilland (Wasps), Mark Strypec (Moseley), Chris Williams (Wasps) OLIT: Alex Codling (Richmond), Matt OLIT: Alex Codling (Richmond), Matt



MOSELEY

All change at The Reddings once more: new coaching staff. new players, some of whom replace those lured down the road by ambitious Worcester. Anscombe arrives from New Zealand via Ireland, so there should be no shortage of

backbone. Director of rugby: Mark Anscombe. Captain; Andy Houston.

IN; Manu Falve (North Hertour), Catydd Fair (Matson), Carl Hall (Leeds RL), Dan Harris (Birmingham and Solthull), Henry Hurley (Old Wesley), Jason John (un-attached), Tim Kriight (Stratford), Henry Morgen (King Country, NZ), Craig Cutck (Crustente)

(Coventry)
OUT: Eral Anderson (Gloucester), Semon Brins (Rotherham), Neil Fletcher (Leicester), Rowan Fuller (Richmond), Neil Martin (Richmond), Simon Owen (Hartequins), Steve Purdy (Worcester), Mark Skrypec (Blackheeth), Dave Spiller (Worcester)



Ambitious but less secure financially than some of their rivals. The introduction of first-division know-how, initially from Bristol and now from Leicester, will take them only so far against the bigger spenders as they step up a division.

COVENTRY

Director of rugby: Derek Eves. Coach: Derek Eves. Captain: Rob Hardwick

Newcastle were first out of the blocks last season with the chequebook. Now they must produce a team commensurate with that spending power and nothing short of promotion will do. There should be a battle royal with Richmond

for supremacy.

Coach: Geoff Wappett

ampton) OUT: Kevin Plant (retired), Steve Worrall

Coach: Tosh Askew. Captain; Nack Allott.

North West. Director of rugby: Richard Greenwood



Without the benefit of a substantial benefactor, Gloucester have entered the transfer market cautiously. They will do well to steer clear of a relegation spot

Director of rugby: Richard Hill. Coach: Mike Rafter Captain: David Stris

IN: Eral Anderson (Mosaley). Chris
Calting (Exeler), Scott Edwards
(Lydney), Craig Emerson (Morley), Andy
Metcaile (Wakelied), Alex Morris (Wakefield). Charles Mulrame (Mosaley). Ed
Pesrce (Baih), Paul Price (Lydney),
Alistair Saverimutto (Coventry), Nick
Smith (Bristol). David Timmington
(Baih), Richard Ward (Havani).

OUT: Tom Bern (Sale), Histon Brown
(Harlequins), Damein Cummins (Rugby
Lons), Bruce Fenley (Worcester), Virgil
Haritand (West Harriepool), Peter Jones
(Rugby Lons), Peter Miles (Worcester),
Jery Perrins (Stroud), Chris Raymond
(Worcester), Tim Smith (Worcester),
Richard West (Richmond) Captain: David Stris

Success may depend upon how swiftly their new recruits from Ireland adapt to the Courage league. Woodward's unorthodox coaching will be a welcome addition to the first division, but he needs the heavy metal to underpin everything - hence the addition of Davidson, Costello

LONDON IRISH

and Co.

Director of rugby: Frank McCartney Coach: Clive Woodward Contain Gary Halbin Captain: Gery Halpin
IN: Victor Costello (St Mary's College)
Jeremy Davidson (Dungamon), kieron
Davison (Bangor), Gabnel Fulcher (Cork
Corstitution), Stave Mctvor (Garryowen), Malcolim O'Kelly (St Mary's
College), Nigel Richardson (Gioucester), Niall Woods (Blackrock College)
OUT: Michael Corcoran (Hartequins)
Colin Hall (Newbury), Cameron Shor(Berchmort)



SALE

Sale have recruited heavily from rugby league, which may not necessarily serve their purpose. The loss of Turner will not be easily made up, though Mitchell's background in New Zealand will go a long way in compensation. Competent pack.

Director of rugby: Brian Williamson

Coach: John Mitchell Captain: Jim Mallinder Laptam: Jun Hallproer IN: Tom Bern (Gloucester), John Devereur (Wiches RL) Richard Eyres (Leeds RL), Sean Fleicher (Waterloo), Adam Griffin (Salford RL), Adman Haddey (Widnes RL; John Machell (Walkato

Devr Morris (Vinnington Park), Phil Winstanley (Orrelli Darren Winght Winstanley (Orrelli Darren Wright (Nichres RL) OUT: Phil Gee (Manchester). Paul Hewst (Sectors) Rob Liley (Leccasier). Guy Parker (Manchester). Peul Turner Cay Parker (Manchester). Peul Turner

Michael Worstey (Crief)



WEST HARTLEPOOL

West give a fresh meaning for Welshmen to the old-fashioned phrase "going north". Ring has introduced several of his countrymen, but this may not be enough to keep their heads above water.

Director of rugby: Mark Ring. Captain: Kevin Moseles Captair: New Museusy (Canterbury), Virgil Hartland (Gloucester), Chris John (Cardiff), Steve John (Cardiff), Wayne of Longe (New South Wales), Nan Morgan (Canterbury), Kevin Moseley (Newport),

(Newport)
OUT: Andrew Blyth (Newcastle), Steve
Cook (Orrell), Anthony Ewine (Bedlord),
Paul Evans (Middlesbrough), Paul
Hodder (Middlesbrough), Sieve Jones
(Wakefield), Phil Lancastar (Wakefield),

N: Mark Crane (Cifton), Mati Gallagher (Nottingham), Jez Harris (Leicaster), Wayne Nillord (Leicaster), Andy McAdam (Leicaster), Derek Redmond (unattached). Rilchie Robinson (Leicester), Andy Smallwood (Nottingham). OUT: Pichard Angel (Stourbridge), Craig Oulck (Moseley). Alister

Craig Oulck

IN: Garath Archer (Bristol), Andrew Blyth (West Hartlepool), George Graham (Cartisle Rt.), Ross Nesdale (Auckland), Steve O'Nettl (Blaydon), Martin Shaw (West Hartlepool), Tim Stimpson (West Hestlepool)

NEWCASTLE

Director of rugby: Rob Andrew Coach: Steve Bates Captain: Dean Ryan.

OUT: Sean Cassidy (Bedford), tan

ROTHERHAM

The new driving force in Yorkshire rugby — until Leeds find their way up from the fourth division. Stiffest test yet for players. Wappett, the new coach, is accustomed to success with schools teams and now looks to translate his skills into a higher sphere.

Director of rugby: Steve Cousins. Captain: To be appointed. IN: Sean Atkinson (Otey), John Bentley (Haklax RL), Stmon Binns (Moseley), Alan Buzza (Bedford), Ian Carroll (Otley), Dan Cook (Otley), Karl Cragge (West Hartlepool), Guy Easterby (Harnogate), Nick Miller (Wakefield), Neil Spence



WATERLOO Another club to adopt the rugby league tendency, but has little prospect of upsetting

spectability will be sufficient as they wait to see which club will come to dominate the

the obvious challengers. Re-

Captain's Neck Alloft.

In: Marcus Coast (New Brighton), Carl Fenton (Orrell), Jeson Green (Widnes RL), Mike Hill (Manchester), Phil Lancaster (West Hartlepool), Gary Monaghan (Legh), David Ruane (Widnes Rt.), Karl Terminen (Preston Grasshoppers), Tony Thomiley (Widnes HL), OUT: Stuart Beeley (Widnes), Sean Fietcher (Sale), Jason Smith (Orrell), Stuart Turner (Orrell).

World No 3 Martin is humbled by Jenson

DAN JENSON, a lanky 21-year-old from Adelaide. last night threw the Australia squash camp into confusion by defeating the elegant world No 3, Brett Martin, 15-9, 17-14. 7-15, 9-15, 15-14 in the second round of the Hong Kong Open (Colin McQuillan writes). Jenson, ranked No 23 in the world, meets his compatriot, Anthony Hill, in the quarter-finals today.

English interest in the last eight rests with Mark Cairns. who faces Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, and Chris Walker, who plays Peter Nicol, the No 4 seed, of Scotland. Derek Ryan, of Ireland, plays the No 2 seed, Rodney Eyles, of Australia.

Mills quits

Rughy league: Jim Mills, the former Wales and Great Britain forward, has resigned as chairman of Widnes after six years. The team finished seventh in the first division this season, and Mills admitted that the club's omission last vear from the Super League. had influenced his decision. Leeds have put three players on the transfer list: Dean Clark, the scrum half, George Mann, the forward, and Alan Tait, the former Scotland rugby union full back.

England on top

Hockey: England finished top of their group and secured a semi-final match against Ukraine yesterday by beating Holland 2-1 in the European nations' junior cup, in Cardiff.

Christie runs

Athletics: Linford Christie, the former Olympic and world 100 metres champion, will run in the "dream team" sprint relay at the Berlin grand prix today in a quartet that includes the Olympic champion, Donovan Bailey. and Frankie Fredericks.

First home

Sailing: : England 2, skippered by Craig Nutter, took line honours in Oban, Scotland, yesterday at the end of the second leg of the Teacher's Round Britain Challenge.

TENNIS

Kournikova provides glimpse of the future

FROM DAVID MILLER AT FLUSHING MEADOW

Anna tournament, Kournikova, who was 15 a couple of months ago, swatted aside Natalia Boudone, of Italy, nine years her senior and ranked 12 places above her in the world, at No 132. Kournikova plays tennis the way Alex Higgins used to play snooker: she is moving for the next point almost before the previous ball is dead. What a breath of fresh air.

You would have thought she was in a hurry to confront Steffi Graf, her likely fourthround opponent in the US Open should she next defeat Barbara Paulus, of Austria, the fourteenth seed, a straightsets winner yesterday over Elena Wagner, of Germany. Graf, for her part, sauntered through in straight sets against Karin Kschwendt, of Austria, for a third-round match against Natasha Zvereva, of Belorussia.

Graf revealed that she had considered withdrawing from the tournament because it clashed with the opening of her father's tax evasion trial in Germany. Graf said she had overcome her worries by "sharing her problems" with other people. The trial is scheduled to begin on Septem-

For four years, Kournikova has been schooled at Nick Bollettieri's academy, though she imperiously dismissed the journalist who patronisingly ventured to ask if she now felt American. "I'm Russian," she said, in a tone that implied the suggestion was insulting.

Here is a youthful athlete, the world junior No I last year, who could overtake Martina Hingis as a serious challenger to the narrow, established top order of the women's game. The flat, swinging forehand has an element of Graf's pace, occasionally varied with top spin. The two-fisted backhand is

IN HER first grand slam full of cunningly disguised direction. Occasionally yesterday there was a drop shot, and always an attempt to get to the net when strategically

Indeed, her 6-3, 6-3 victory might have been swifter still had she been marginally less ambitious, a shade more disciplined. Serving for the match at 5-0 in the second set, she rushed to the net impetuously at 15-0, missed the volley and lost that and the next two games, muttering to herself much of the time, her fair brow furrowed.

She would deny later she

was hasty. "I just wanted to serve-and-volley," she said. Questioned on the strength of her game, she thought it was primarily the range of her allcourt play. Certainly those who stay back, as Baudone did, will suffer. By the third game of the second set, Baudone was a dying swan, exhausted by the extent to which she had been pushed around the court. In the three games she was subsequently still to win, nine points came from Kournikova's errors. Kournikova's biographical

notes, supplied by the WTA Tour, reveal that were she not playing tennis she would like to be an actress. She already When a supposedly bad call in her favour was over-ruled by the umpire, who ordered the point to be replayed, the ensuing exchange of words at the umpire's chair carried the quiet, scornful indignation of Meryl Streep. I do not lip-read Russian, but at moments during the match Kournikova swore volubly under her breath, never mind the innocence of the face in repose.

Has she had to endure pressure from the media? That's how it goes," she answered, almost with a shrug, unintimidated. No, she had not read articles alleging that she was spoilt and arro-



gant. "I'm not against them journalists if that's what they say, but I don't think that's what is me." The smile was like a bucket of Tippex. Urged to agree that she is a

star in the making, she shrugged again. "That's always been around me [the suggestion), and that's how it is," she said. She was almost toying with her gnarled, aged interrogators, refusing to rise to the bait. Bollettieri for the moment was merely telling her how hard she had to work, how she must broaden her game. Whether she would become a star "we have to wait and see". No, she was not missing a better, normal adolescence. "I'm travelling the world, meeting people, and doing what I want to do, playing tennis," she said. Immune to jets overhead

and howling babies in the front row beside the court, the normal Flushing Meadow scene, Kournikova had raced to a 3-0 lead, then briefly faltered when twice losing her serve to become 4-3, only to break Baudone again for 5-3. twice coming to the net to put away crisp volleys. The public can take a lot more of this.

Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, twice formerly the French Open champion and runnerup to Andre Agassi in the Olympic final, enjoyed an authoritative straight sets victory over Michael Stich in the men's singles second round. Both have been injured:

Bruguera missed much of last year with a foot injury, while Stich is now plagued with problems in his serving shoulder muscles. These undermined him seriously as he

went down 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. "The Olympic silver medal, and now this, have restored my peace of mind." Bruguera said. Stich admitted that the previous evening he had trouble lifting a bottle of water. though the shoulder had improved with treatment, but once out on court it was terrible. He didn't have to do anything except keep the ball in play, he was very consistent and made me run.

Bruguera's probable next opponent is Muster, the third

RESULTS FROM FLUSHING MEADOW

Wednesday

Wednesday

MEN: Singles: First round: A Medvedev
(Ukr) bt J-P Fleuran (Fr) 6-2, 6-0, 6-1: D Rid
(Czt bt H Arazı (Mor) 6-4, 7-5, 6-2: D Naimkin
(SA) bt W Ferneira (SA) 6-4, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; A
Gauderz (It) bt S Massuoka (Lapan) 7-8, 62, 6-3, F Marrilla (So) bt F Mellogani (Br) 6-1,
6-7, 7-6, 6-3, J Bjorrinan (Swe) bt K Nucera
(Stovalda) 6-2, 5-7, 7-6, 7-5; J Kroslak
(Stovalda) bt C Wbochuff (US) 2-6, 6-4, 3-6,
6-2, 7-6; S Schalten (Hoff) bt G Schalter
(Austra), 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; T Marrin (US) bt
Y E Aynoui (Mor) 6-3, 8-2, 4-8, 6-4; M
Tobbuff (Aus) bt R Reneberg (US), 3-6, 6-1,
3-6, 7-5, 6-3; P Haarhuis (Hoff) bt M Joyce
(US), 6-7, 7-8, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2; G Forget (Fr) bt
G Stafford (SA) 3-6, 2-6-2, G Forget (Fr) bt
G Stafford (SA) 3-6, 2-6-4, M Chang (US) bt N
Godwin (SA) 6-1, 6-3, 6-1

Doubles: First round: E Ferreira (SA) and J Semerink (Holf) bt M Damm (C2) and P Nyborg (Swe) 6-4, 6-3; D Atlante (Aus) and M Oosting (Holf) bt K Flech (US) and A Othorskin (Rus) and K Othorskin (Rus) and P Klidorry (Aus) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; T Kronemann (US) and D Meopherson (Aus) at D Calchest and C Mamiti (US), 6-3, 6-2; J Antonio Conde and A Comela (So) bt M Bernard (SA) and Greg Van Emburgh (US), 6-4, 1-6, 7-6; S Noseboom (Swe) and F Witter (Holf) bt B Black (Zim) and G Connell (Can), 2-8, 6-4; L Lavalle (Mex) and M Rush (Ven) bt S Draper (Aus) and M Rush (Ven) bt P Kufman (Ger) and G Mutter (SA), 6-4, 6-4; S Lareau (Can) and A O'Brien (US) bt C Ferreira (SA) and A Pavel (Rom), 6-4, 6-3; L Lobo (Arg) and J Sanchez (Sp) bt J Eagle Doubles: First round: E Feneira (SA) and

WOMEN: Singles: Second round: S
Testud (Fr) bi C Torrers-Valero (So) 6-1. 6
2: I Spintea (Rom) bt M J Gaidano (Arg) 6-2.
6-1: G Sabatini (Arg) bt A Grossman (US) 6-2.
6-3: L Davenport (US) bi H Nagyova
(Slovakva) 6-0. 6-4: A-G Stdor (Fr) bi Wang
Shi-Ting (Tei) 6-4. 3-6. 6-3: A Cortzer (SA)
bi M de Swardt (SA) 6-2, 7-5: L Wild (US) bi
K Booger (Holl) 5-7, 6-3. 6-3: K Po (US) bi
K Brandt (US) 6-1. 6-4: H Sulcova (C2) bi
F Suarez (Arg) 6-4. 7-6: I Gorochategu (Arg)
bi A Olsza (Pol), 6-1. 6-1; D Pandramtely
(Mad) bi J Chi (US) 6-3, 6-1; M Seles (US)
wio L Courtois (Bel) scr. B Fittiner (Ger) bi B
Schutz-McCartiny (Hol) 6-2. 6-1; L Raymond (US) bi S Pitkowski (Fr) 6-2. 6-0: A
Carlsson (Swe) bi B Schett (Austria) 6-3.
3-1. net C Martinez (Sp) bi N Tauzkat (Fr)

3-1, rist C Mannez (sp) of N Jauzas (r) 6-1, 6-3
Doubles: First round: N Bradtile and R McCullan (Aus) bt L Golarsa (t) and C Singer (Ger) 6-4, 6-2 A Koumiliona and E Lithovitaeva (Russ) bt R Bobkova and E Melicharona (C2) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6: N Arendt (US) and M Bollegraf (Hoff) bt M Lindstrom (Swe) and L Plenning (Aus), 6-4, 6-0; J Lee and L Lee (US) bt E deLone and L Porum (US), 6-4, 7-6: Y Basulti (Indo) and C Vic. (Hoff) bt M Werdel Witmeyer and T Whitinger Jones (US), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5: R Hrail and N Myrod (Lapan) bt N Dahlman (Fin) and C Wood (G8) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt J Husarova (Slovaka), and D van Roca (Bel) 4-8, 6-3, 6-0; N Kijimuta (Japan) and F Labat (Arg) bt P Langrova (C2) and R Zhubekova (Slovaka), 6-4, 6-2, J Novotna (C2) and A Sánchez Vicario (Sp) bt M Saela and Y Yoshida (Japan), 6-1, 6-1; S Appelmans (Bel) and M Ommans (Hoff) bt L Osterioth and S Reeves (US) 6-7, 6-3, 6-1; M Hriggs (Switz) and H Sutova (C2) bt H Negyova and K Studenilova (Soviate) 6-0, 6-3, D Graham (US) and K Radiord (Aus) bt A Fusal (Fr) and M Paz (Arg) 4-8, 7-7, 7-8; Sung-Hee Park (S Kor) and Sh-Ting Wang (Talwan) bt A Fusaer and K Po (US) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; R Dragomer (Porn) and T Japrennica (Yug) bt M Muric (Cro) and P Susrez (Arg) 6-3, 6-4; Sug-yaseelan and R Simpson (Can) bt A Hubor (Ger) and 1 Majoli (Cro) 6-4, 6-4.

MDCED DOUBLES: First round; L Neikand (Lat) and M Woodforde (Aus) bt 6 Smylie (Aus) and K Flach (US). 6-4, 6-1; K Adams (US) and R Bergh (Swe) bt K Boogert and M Ocating (Hol) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; N Aireraft and L Jensen (US) bt K Rinaldi Stunkel and T Kronemann (US) 6-63; C Vis (Holl) and B Talbot (SA) who L Wild and D Johnson (US) ecr. S Testud (Fr) and P Kideny (Aus) bt 1 Sprites (Rom) and L Pimek (Bel) 0-6, 7-6, 6-3.

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RADIO CHOICE

The shedding of secrecy

The Secret Life of the Shed. Radio 4, 8.50pm

If she had been a man. Garbo would not have needed to yearn to be left alone. She could have secretly popped into the shed at the bottom of the garden. With this practical thought, Paul Allen opens his amusing account of the fluctuating fortunes of the garden shed. Stella Gibbons's Aunt Ada Doom saw something nasty in hers. Peter Tinniswood, that peerless writer of radio comedy, smelt something. manly in his Uncle Fred's shed - stinking porting compost and stale underpants. Men like sheds because there are not many bastions left that offer such privacy, says a psychiatrist. Women dislike sheds because they harbour creepie-crawlies.

I Was There. Radio 3, 9.15pm. When an instrumentalist can say that he played under Benjamin, Britten's baton at the premieres of almost all his famous works, he is weaving the stuff of history. James Blades is now well into his nineties. He could be forgiven if he answered Richard Fawkes's questions mechanically tonight, but he does not. It is as if he had never told these stories to anyone before. He remembers having to improvise after losing a few bars from the score during rehearsals of the War Requiem, and Britten telling him afterwards that he was not just a very good percussionist but a good composer into the bargain—and he cherishes the last beautiful words that the dying composer addressed to him. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 6.30am Dave Pearca 9.00 Simon Mayo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow, five Irom Talbot Square in Blackpool 12.30pm Lise l'Anson 4.00 Clive Warren 8.00 Radio 1 Roadshow, live from Blackpool for the switching on of the illuminations 9.00 Essential Selection 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show Live to the UK Jam 3.00am Annie Nightingale 5.00 Charle Jordan

RADIO 2

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Sharman 7.00 The Comedy Ouiz,
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by James Herriot 9.00 Listen to the Band
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preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Diana
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5.45 Entertainment News 7.00 News
Extra. with David Michel 7.20 Friday
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Berlin: Termis: the US Open 10.05 Paper
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CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Smors 2.00pm Lunchume Concerto. Brahms (Concerto for Violin Cello and Brahms (Concerto for Violin Cello and Orchestra in A minor) 3.00 Dirvetime 6.00 Classic Newsnight 6.30 Soneta 7.00 Showcase 8.00 Evening Concert. Rossni (Overture The Thiewing Mag-pie): Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E flat); Bizet (L'Arlesienne Suite Nos 1 and 2) 10.00 Michael Mappin, including at 11.00 Finday Live 1.00am Sally Pelerson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakla Experience 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks 10.00 Alan Freeman 12.00 Janey Lee Grace 2.00am Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Glazunov (Symphony No 7 in F); Mysfivecek (Wind Octet No 2 in E flat); Chopin (Variations on La cidarem la mano); Abel (Symphony No 5 in B flat); Mendelssohn (Songs Without Words: No 7 in E flat, No 8 in B flat minor. No 9 in F)

B flat minor; No 9 in E)
9.00 Morning Collection, with
Catriona Young. De Fesch (Concerto in C minor, Op 5 No 5); Byrd (Mass for Five Voices), Mozart (Symphony No 24 in B flat, K182)

Brahms 11.00 Edinburgh International Festival. Live from the Queen's Hall. Ann Murray. mezzo, Graham Johnson piano, perform songs by Haydn and Brahms 11.50 Festival Stooshies, with Colin Bell 12.10pm Concert Part 2. Verlaine settings by Faure, Hahn, Poldowski and Bordes Hahn, Poldowsk and Bordes 1.00 News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Bartok Plus. Anthony Marwood, violin.

Susan Tomes, piano, Brahms, arr Joachim (Two Hungarian Dances); Soproni (Violin Sonata); Bartok (Violin Sonata

Albinoni (170 Sonata in 8 minor, Op 4 No 6; Cantata: Amor, Sorte, Destino; Concerto in F, Op 7 No 9) (r) 3.00 Mining the Archive, Fiona

Talkington celebrates the birthdays this month of two female keyboard players: Marie-Claire Alain and Moura Lympany, Includes music by Jehan Alain, Scrabin, Pachmanique and

5.00 The Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson 5.15 in Tune. Presented by Andrew Green, Includes Beethoven (Bagatelle in B minor, Op 126 No 4); Vaughan Williams (Concerto Grosso): Brahms (Fest und

Gedenkspruche, Op 109)
7.00 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall in London. Joshua Bell, violin, London Nomington, Elgar (Overture: Cockaigne); Nicholas Maw (Violin Concerto); 7.55 An Unanswered Question, with Byron Adams 8.15 Proms Part 2. Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 5 in D) 9.15 I Was There, See Choice

(3/3) 9.35 Summer Evening. Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. Kodaly

(Summer Evening)
10.00 BBC Proms 1996. Live from the Albert Hall. Ildiko Monyok, reciter, Csaba Kiraly, piano, Polyphony, Music Projects London, under Richard Bernas and Stphen Layton ives (From the Steeples and the Mountains; Orchestral Set No 1). Kurtag (Samuel Beckett — What is the Word?): Byrd (Ad Dominum cum tribularer), Carver (O bone Jesu); James Dillon

(Oceanos) 11.30 Bartok. Murray Perahia and Georg Solti, pianos, David Corkhill and Evelyn Glennie percussion Bartok (Sonata for two pianos and percussion)
12.00 Composer of the Week:

Berg (r) 1.00am Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing Incl Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Beyond a Boundary (5/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs. Ania Lasker (r)

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9.45 Feedback, presented by Chris Dundey

10.00 News; Survivors: The Trawlerman's Story. The lale of Wifle Talt who discovered the description of the Property of the

the dangers of the sea (5/6) 10.00 An Act of Worship (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.30 Woman's H 11,30 The Natural History 12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Over the Counter. Oliver
Walson visits the fish market

issmonger ken Weimough (2/4) 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One, presented by Nick Clarke 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

in Aberdeen with the

Shipping Forecast News; The Deep Seasor The Classic Serial: The Seafarer, by Don Taylor. Based on the anonymous Angio-Sexon poem. With Bob Pack, Oliver Ford Davies, Michael N Harbour and John

Baddeley (r)
3.00 News. The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Tim Marlow with a guide to the week's film releases, including Nick Note in Mutholiand Falls, and a review of The Heidl Chronicles at

Greenwich
4.45 Short Story: Dying to Tell
You, by Tony Warren

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weaths 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Parkes and Gardens, Sirnon Parke discovers that crime

coes occasionally pay in the horticultural world (3/6)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Nick Baker 8.05 in the Dock: Quangos. Sue

Carneron cross-examinated for the selection of modern institutions (6/6) 8.50 The Secret Life of the Shed. See Choice 9.15 Letter from America. Alistan

Cooke reflects on life across the Atlantic

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig 10.45 Book at Bedtime: Enigma. Samuel West reads Robert

Harris's acclaimed Second Vorld War thriller. Abridged by Neville Teller (5/12) 11.00 The Mark Steel Solution. The controversial and thought-provoking comic Mark Steel reorganises the education system. Written

and performed by Steel and Pete Sinclair with Kim Wall and Maria McErlane (3/4) 11.25 Tea Junction. Patrick Hannan and his guests take a sceptical look at the week's

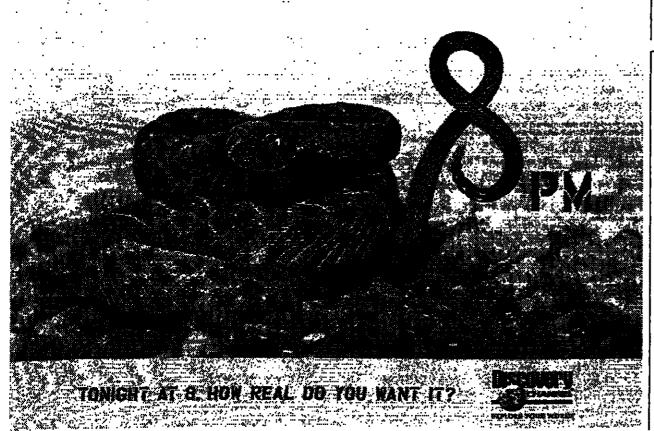
ews events 11.45 The Big Umbrella. Rogan Taylor Lakes a cerebral look at-

rock in roll (5/5) 12.00 News incl 12.27am approx 12.30 The Late Book

Staughterhouse-Five, by Kurt Vornegut. Read by Bob Sherman (10/10) (r) 12.49 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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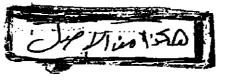
PONS ASINORUM (a) "The bridge of asses", a humorous name for the fifth proposition of the first book of Euclid (concerning the angles of isosceles triangles), from the difficulty which beginners or dulwitted persons find in "getting over" or mastering it. A way of separating the mathematical sheep from the goats. "Peregrine began to read Euclid, but he had scarce advanced beyond the Pons Asinorum when his ardour abated."

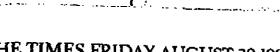
TRIVIUM (a) The three roads. Latin tres three + via a road. Trivius of three roads. In the Middle Ages, the three roads to learning, ie Grammar, Rhetoric, and Logic. SERVITOR

(c) At Onford, in certain colleges, one of a class of undergraduate members (no longer existing under that title) who received their lodging and most of their board free, and were excused lecture fees. Originally the servitors acted as servants to the fellows, and although the requirement of menial services from them gradually fell into disuse, they continued to be regarded as socially the inferior of commoners. The last mention in the Oxford University Calendar of servitors as an existing class (at Christ Church, of course) is in 1867.

DOTHEBOYS HALL (b) A Yorkshire boarding school belonging to Wackford Squeers, its brutal and incompetent master, in Dickens's Nicholas Nickleby.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 ... Bgl! and if 2 Qxgl Nf3+ wins the queen.





Desktop manoeuvres delay deployment

ews that the British are sending troops to a UN peacekeeping force tends to have a ring of effortlessness. No sooner the word; when do we sail?; last one in the personnel carrier is a cissy. This is why we have a standing army, surely; so that when called to run it's already got its socks on. But alas, perhaps our imaginations have been over-influenced by wartime newsreels. That vision of chipper squaddies adjusting blue berets in a wing-mirror and climbing on a bus — of oliticians in black coats and homburgs waving hankies on the quay - is very misleading, and last night's lourth instalment of Defence of the Realm (BBCl) may have replaced those images for

Now shirtsleeved young execs at the MoD will lean impatiently against filing cabinets, their specs flashing under office lights, waiting for a decision from the Trea-

pressingly simplistic warnings at his platoon - about the dangers abroad of "sexy ladies", and of landmines that will not only blow your leg off, but possibly interfere with your groin. Ouch. The trouble with deploying troops to Angola for a peacekeeping force, apparently, is that the UN has to organise things at the sharp end (which takes time), meanwhile behindthe-scenes jaw-jaw leaves the eager-and-ready MoD flapping its arms in frustration.

There were incidental pleasures along the way, last night. To my shame, I have never wondered what Captain Tim Laurence does at work all day, but if I had, I would now be a happy woman, having seen him at his desk with a phone in his hand. He was shown receiving bad news from the Treasury, while his name flashed on the screen without any extra

sury. Now, on a doomy Salisbury arrows or asterisks to indicate his Plain, a sergeant will bark deroyal connections. Hang on, aren't you married to Princess Anne?" I said aloud, and in fact was so confident of this that I even wrote it down. But as if to answer my impertinence, a shot then lingered pointedly on his left hand, bereft of rings, so I crossed it out again. How very confusing. It certainly looked like the Princess Royal's husband. But on the other hand, perhaps it was some unmarried geezer of the same name.

ood to see my colleague Matthew Bond last week succumbing to Back to the Wild (BBCI). Yah, sucker. Thursday nights will not be the same when it's gone. No more injured wildfowl hopping round valiantly like Tiny Tim, while hardened vets (and he-man telly reviewers) wipe salt tears out of their eyes. Actually, what happens each week. I've realised, is that

REVIEW

Lynne



when it's time for an animal to be put down (sad, sad music), or for it be released careless into the wild, an emotionally involved female West Hatch helper is obliged to stand and watch from behind a fence, a big tissue ready in her hand. Dead, dead, and never called me mother! No wonder chins wobble across the land.

A couple of things worry me about Back to the Wild. One is

that I can now spot the tragedy of euthanasia. "We removed his eye the week. (This time it was an injured deer.) The other is that the RSPCA inspector with the white beard seems to drive too fast. As he speeds down country lanes with a baby squirrel in his pocket, or transports an injured deer (sniff). words, in the circs. one suspects he must be hitting little bunnies round every corner, had intended to write about which rather defeats the object. "On my way!" he calls into his mobile phone, and then careers along blind-cornered lanes in top

before - well, you know, their catfood and pipette days are over. An injured hedgehog did make an appearance last night, as it happens. And mercifully it was not Stiff of the Week. It had merely lost an eye, and for once the vet was confident that it would survive in the wild, and would not require

gear. Hedgehogs sunning them-

selves on the tarmac look up to see

him coming, but have time only to

think "Hoorah for the RSPCA!"

four weeks ago," he said, as he watched the hedgehog snuffle and toddle happily on a table. Now the creature was perfectly fine. "He's never looked back," said the vet, proudly. An unfortunate choice of

The Street (BBC2) this week, but logistical problems have denied me the privilege. Having watched it in previous weeks. however, I am naturally impressed by its "can-do" attitude to any problem a street-dweller throws up. Kirsty Young - in a pink plastic coat, and Twiggy haircut - knocks on a door and says alarmingly on the doorstep "Don't waste time, tell us your erine" like a celebrity in a Daz commercial grabbing a soap packet from your trolley without saying

Thereafter everything proceeds

gives instant advice; accountable bods in suits appear in a puff of smoke through a trapdoor. Howzat, problem solved. Come and do my street, Kirsty! You can show the MoD a thing or two about mobilisation.

Turning to Sky One (makes a change): Southenders started last night, and if I lived in Southend I'd be asking Kirsty to deal with it pronto. This unflattering portrait of a town and its people began with Blossom, a Beryl Cook kissagram of 53 who joylessly handcuffs blokes at their birthday parties, and makes them remove a garter with their teeth. Fag in hand, Threshers carrier bag, struggling to pull her leather coat over fairy wings, she waits dumpy and sullen outside the venues, and swills with mouthwash. She's doing it to annoy her dead mother, apparently. As good a reason as any. I

THE SECTION OF THE SE 6.00am Business Breakfast (50818)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (81189) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceefax)

9.40 Burke's Backyard (r) (5403295) 10.10 Gambit (1966) with Michael Caine and Shirley MacLaine. Dated caper, about a cockney thief who teams up with a eurasian girl to steal a statue. Directed by Ronald Neame (64314160)

12.00 News (Ceelax) and weather (1192924) 12.05pm The Alphabet Game (4362127) 12.35 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (6193030) 1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (84276)

1.30 Regional News and weather (42484479) 1.40 Small Talk (r) (Ceetax) (s) (58423585) 2.10 Lovejoy (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3412437) 3.00 Cartoon (7221030) 3.20 Penny Crayon (r) (1284856)

3.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1638276) 3.55 Iznogoud (s) (3015360) 4.10 To Me . . .to You (s) (Ceefax) (2519653) 4.35 Pirates (r) (Ceefax) (s) (1744127) 5.00 Newsround (Ceetax) (4184455) **5.10 Record** Breakers (r) (Ceetax) (s) (4810905)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (647672) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceetax) (585) 6.30 Regional news magazines (837)

7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (1295) 7.30 Future Fantastic: Immortals (Ceetax) (s) (721)

8.00 Safe and Sound. Dougy decides that life as an executive is putting a strain on his heart (s) (2653)

8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Holding a riverside picnic seems like a good idea, but Hyacinth's arrangements don't go according to plan (r) (Ceefax) (s) (9450) 9.00 News (Ceefax) regional news and

9.30 One Foot In the Grave. When Victor has a sleepless night, everybody else suffers his torment (f) (Ceefax) (s) (82721) N.L. 9.30 Anderson on the Road 10.20 One Foot in the Grave 10.50 Chicago Hope 11.35 Atletico Partick 12.05am Parkinson: the Interviews 12.45 FILM: Pirates 4.00 Weather

10.00 Chicago Hope. Geiger's medical ficence is suspended when his behaviour on stage at Russo's is reported. Last in the

series (Ceetax) (s) (510437) 10.50 Atletico Partick. The day of the final has arrived and it is time to tie up a tew loose ends (Ceefax) (s) (738127)

11.20 Parkinson: The Interviews — Edith Evans and Catherine Bramwell Booth (s) (Ceelax)

12.00 FILM: Pirates (1986) with Walter Matthau and Chris Campion A would-be rollicking, 17th-century adventure set on the high seas. Margoned on a raft in mid ocean, tearsome buccaneer Captain Red is on the point of eating his young crewman, Jean-Baptiste, when a Spanisl galleon sails into view. Discovering that the ship is carrying an Aztec throne. Captain Red immediately makes plans to capture it for himself Heavy weather. Directed by Roman Polanski (980509)

1.50am Weather (6300219)

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6.00am Open University: The Regulation of Flowering (3211566) 6.25 Richard II — Politics, Patriotism and Authority (3223301) 6.50 Mantegna: The Triumphs of Caesar (2108059)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6549382) 7.30 Secret Life of Toys (r) (4807517) 7.45 Lassie (r) (1371943) 8.10 Alvin and the Chipmunks (5982566) 8.35 White Fang (r) (1135519) 9.05 The Bots Master (r) (2439450) 9.25 Smart (r) (Teletext) (7072769) 9.50 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (3663634) 10.00 Playdays (s) (7600214) 10.25 The Hollywood Collection (2372634) 11.15 Gunsmoke (9531479) 12.05pm Phil Silvers Show (r) (b/w) (6320924) 12.30 Wines of the World (16617) 1.00 Secret Life of Toys (r) (45419769) 1.15 Open View (24440214) 1.20 Time of Your Life (r) (63912160) 1.40 Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceeiax) (8569127) 2.20 Preserving for the Taste of It (I) (87849672) 2.50 A Week to Remember (b/w) (1031214) 3.00 News (Ceelax) (1271382) 3.05 Natural World (r) (1342905) 3.55 News (Ceelax) (3856653)

4.00 FILM: Blowing Wild (1953, b/w) with Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck and Anthony Quinn. An oil prospector in 1930s Mexico contends with the attentions of an unscrupulous woman and a ruthless gang of bandits. Directed by Hugo Fregoriese (61924)

5.30 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) (82990566)

7.05 Drift the Mute Swan. John and Smon King's film follows the experiences of Drift the swan and her mate, Sallow, as they raise a family on the tranquil waters of the Somerset Wetlands (r) (Ceefax) (993160) 8.00 War Walks: Goodwood (Ceelax) (s) (8585)

8,30 Gardeners' World. Alan Titchmarsh prepares for spring. Valerie Waters visits a Cheshire garden created out of a stagnant swamp. And Stephen Lacy visits the gardens of Sutton Place (Ceafax) (s) (7092)

9.00 Bottom: Dough. Richie and Eddie don't need to buy a lottery ticket because Richie has devised a "get rich quick"



The comic Fred McAuley (9,30pm) 9.30 Pulp Video (80363)

10.00 The Fall Guy. Johnny Vaughan asks

Danny Brown to take up the challenge to give practical jokers a taste of their own medicine (Ceetax) (s) (73585) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (711301)

11.15 Edinburgh Nights (303566)

12.00 FILM: The Pope of Greenwich Village (1984) starring Mickey Rourke, Eric Roberts and Daryl Hannah A young New Yorker's loyally to his cousin lands him in trouble with the police and the Malia. Directed by Stuart Rosenberg (Ceelax) (37048238) Ends at 2.05am

CHOICE

Future Fantastic Immortals BBC1,7_30pm

Dennis Potter's final television drama, Cold Lazarus, imagined human bodies being frozen and brought back to life 400 years from now. The final episode of Future Fantastic latches on to the same idea, though without Potter's creative embellishment. As usual Gillian Anderson's commentary invites us to believe that the science fiction of today is the reality of tomorrow and contains experts willing to predict that almost anything is possible. Against all this, the programme is honest enough to raise doubts whether the freezing process can be reversed, but it reports successful experiments on nonhuman subjects such the fly and the nematode worm. Another possibility is that we shall achieve immortality by having our personalities loaded on to computers, assuming that we would want to.

War Walks: Goodwood BBC2, 8.00pm

Having started with the triumphs at Agincourt and Waterloo, Richard Holmes rounds off his lucid series on British battles in more sombre vein. The jaunty tone set by Glenn Miller's music soon fades. Operation Goodwood, launched in Normandy in the wake of D-Day, was the biggest tank battle fought in Western Europe, It was supposed to punch a huge hole in the German forces and be a decisive step in the liberation of northern France. An aerial bombardment was to be the prelude to an offensive by three armoured divisions. The post-battle statistics, however, belong more to the First World War than the Second: 6,000 men and 400 tanks lost for a gain of seven miles. More a bloodbath than a breakthrough, says Holmes, though it is hard to guess this from the rural calm of the battlefield today.

Strange But True? Encounters 1TV, 8.30pm

A British film star (Joan Collins, actually) arrives with friends at a plush Continental hotel for a fortnight's holiday. But only two nights later she is on her way home, fleeing in terror after a series of hauntings, one of which was apparently perpetraled by a woman in a painting. Although the episode we are assured by witnesses that it happened. At any rate it provides a colourful the paranormal, presented with a carefully affected gravity by Michael Aspel. Strange But True? is an invitation to suspend credibility and surrender to an unearthly mixture of near-death experiences. exorcisms, atien abductions and other psychic happenings that mysteriously pass most of us by. Or perhaps that is being a shade too cynical.

Parkinson: The Interviews BBC1, 11.20pm

Tonight's raid on the Michael Parkinson archives comes up with subjects refreshingly different from the showbusiness stars who provided his shows with their staple fare. Born in the reign of Queen Victoria and not noted for her willingness to give interviews, Dame Edith Evans was an unlikely recruit to the chat show circuit. But the formidable actress appeared with Parky twice and entered fully into the spirit, being relaxed, open and very funny. If Dame Edith was into her eighties when she came on the programme, Catherine Bramwell-Booth, whose grandfather founded the Salvation Army, was well past 90. She had been voted the best after-dinner speaker in Britain, so fielding questions on television was a doddle. At least this is how it comes across. Some of her replies are ferocious. Peter Waymark

HTV 6,00am GMTV (4545924) 9.25 Santo Bugito (s) (7069295) 9.50 The Adventures of Captain Zeelig (r) (Teletext) (s)

10.20 ITN News (Teletext) (5711634) 10.25 Regional News (Teletext) (5710905)

10,30 Sinatra (40151276) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1198108) 12.30 ITN News (6196127)

12.55 Shith Sense (Teletext) (s) (6171818) 1.25 Ltz Earle's Lifestyle (6938818) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (89412276) 2.25 Murder SheWrote (4352617) 3.20 ITN News (1288672) 3.25 Regional

3.30 Rosie and Jim (s) (5750629) 3.40 Oille and Teddy (s) (4560455) 3.55 Zzzap! (r) (s) (7303653) 4.15 Captain Simian and the Space Monkeys (2503092) 4.40 My Fayourite Art Attack (s) (1931301)

5.10 A Country Practice (5132943) 5,40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (163295)

6.00 Home and Away. Jesse tries to escape from the police who discover Stephanie has been travelling on a false passport (Teletext) (s) (610189)

6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (894030) 7.00 Lucky Numbers (Teletext) (s) (6363) 7.30 Coronation Street. The Platts receive a surprise offer from Stephen (Teletext)

8.00 The Bill: Waiting for Frank. Deakin and Beech are involved in a sting operation to catch a conman. But who is the mysterious Frank and what is he selling? (Telelext) (5011)



Michael Aspel presents (8.30pm)

8.30 Strange but True? Encounters. Michael Aspel presents the first of a new series of stories about paranormal phenomena (Teletext) (s) (1818)

rannah: The Truth, the Whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth, Drama series set in the Deep South, There is a sensation at the trial as Brian accuses sensation at the that as brain accuses Edward of bludgeoning Travis to death. With Robyn Lively, Jamie Luner, Shannon Sturges and David Gail (Teletext) (s) (7189)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (60011) 10.40 FILM: Risky Business. With Tom Cruise and Rebecca De Mornay. Cornedy which launched Cruise's career as he plays a rich teenager determined to lake advantage of his parents' abscence. De Mornay plays a high class-hooker. Directed by Paul Brickman (r) (82901653) 12.40 Funny Business (Teletext) (8529412) 1.10 The Good Sex Guide ... Late (s)

2.15 FILM: Between Two Brothers (955580) 4.00 Not Fade Away (59685) 5.00 Best of British Motor Sport (36290) 5.30 ITN Morning News (Teletext) (61899)

As HTV WEST except: 5.10pm Let's Go (3034214) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (894030)

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12.55 Coronation Street (6171818) 1,25-1,55 Good Advice (83782634) 1.55 Home and Away (58414837) 2.25 High Road (87842769)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (1258059) 5.10 Home and Away (5132943) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (66112) 10.30 Westcountry News (910295)

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11.15 The Magic and Mystery Show (887127) 11.45 Hunter (164112)

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6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (Telelext) (s)

6.25 Roseanne (r) (Teletext) (s) (728672) 6.50 Terrytoons (s) (115479)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (929585) 7.55 Book Choice (Teletext) (s) (246108) 8.00 Garden Party. Tom Barber and his experts, David Jones, Carol Klein and Paul Sturgess, visit Bourton House,

Gloucestershire (Teletext) (s) (3653) 8.30 Brookside. Will Mick and Sinbad come to blows over the children? (Teletext) (s)

9.00 Cybill. When Zoey finishes with her boviriend, she becomes uncomfortably clingy towards her mother, Cybill (Teletext) (s) (5360)

9,30 Friends: The One with the Lesbian Wedding. Carol and Susan prepare to be married by a minister (played by Candace Grignich, sister of the US Speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich) (Teletext) (s) (15059)

10.00 Frasier. Frasier is excited that his son is coming for Christmas (Teletext) (s) (68653)

11.05 Takeover TV. Adam Buxton with another



The Band's final filing (11.35pm)

11.35 FILM: The Last Waltz (1978) Martin Scorsese's film of the last concert given by the Band, at Winterland in San Francisco in 1976 (23710837)

1.45 FILM: The Siege of Syracuse (1960) starring Rossano Brazzi, Tina Louise and Sylva Koscina. Toga and lorso epic: Archimedes loses the girl he loves when she loses her memory Directed by Pietro Francisi. In Italian with English subtitles (57842783). Ends at 3.55am

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (27905) 9.00 Press Your Luck (4407805) 9.20 Love Connection (1221214) 9.45 Oprah Wintrey (2629276) 10.40 Jeopardy! (5035604) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (8069127) 12.00 Geraldo (34108) 1.00pm Arrinal Practice (20092) 1.30 Designing Women (47672) 2.00 Press (14943) 3.00 Court TV (5030) 3.30 Oprah Wintrey (5231030) 4.15 Undun (147063) 5.00 Quantum Leap (6362) 5.00 Beverly Hills 9010 (25092) 7.00 Spelbound (7011) 7.30 M*A*S*H (8167) 8.00 3rd Rock from the Sun (3059) 8.30 Jenniny's (2569) 9.00 Walter, Texas Ranger (60547) 10.00 Quantum Leap (63634) 11.00 High-lander (47769) 12.00 Late Show with Devind Leterman (3251257) 12.45am Love Thy Neighbour The Beddest and Best of Metrose Place (6854344) 1.30 No Limit 19130) 2.00 Hill Mix Long Play (8145832) SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES 6.00am Mountain Family Robinson (1979) (65.276) 8.00 How I Got Into College (1989) (21045) 10.00 Torch Song (1983) (26189: 12.00 One of Our Spies is Missing (1985) (25318) 2.00pm The Pagemaster (1994) (87.214) 4.00 Challenge to Be Free (1972) (1214) 6.00 Torch Song (1983) (67450) 8.00 Spen-ser: Pale Kings and Princes (1993) (75295) 10.00 The Sharrshank Redemp-tion (1994) (1784905) 12.25am (1925) 10.00 The Shawshank Redemption (1994) (17364905) 12.25am Kickboxer fill: The Art of War (1992) (40850) 2.00 The Quiet Earth (1985) (952865) 3.49-6.00 Dead Air (1994)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 The Muppets Take Manhatten (1984) (1356) 2.00pm The Glass Key (1942) (5760) 3.45 The Dey the Earth Stood Sill (1951) (503634) 5.20 Cry Freedom (1987) (88112082) 8.00 The Buddy System (1984) (51837) 10.00 Masquerade (1988) (900479) 11.40 A Nightmare on Elm Street (1984) (580081) 1.20em Charley Varrick (1973) (482867) 3.10-4.40 The Glass Key (1942) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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6.00am Canson City (1952) (92837) 7.30
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Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

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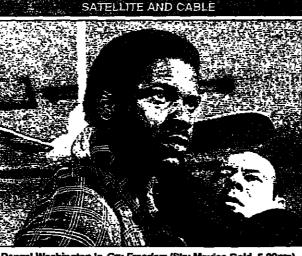
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8.00pm US Open Tennis (9943063) 9.00 Trans World Sport (9949419) 10.00 World Wrestling Federation — Raw (6698996) 11.00 Superstars (9546112) 12.30-1.00em Sports Gold Cue Masters (1153783) SKY SPORTS 3

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Denzel Washington in Cry Freedom (Sky Movies Gold, 5.20pm)

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FRIDAY AUGUST 30 1996

Top clubs move to leave rugby's union

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND'S leading rugby union clubs, two days before the start of the sport's first fully-professional season, are on the verge of leaving the Rugby Football Union (RFU)— the body founded by 21 clubs in a London restaurant in 1871.

The management board of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs Ltd (Epruc), which met yesterday, is to recommend that the 24 clubs who form the first two divisions in the Courage Clubs Championship sever links with the

The decision follows three months of increasing frustration after Enruc believed that an accord had been reached with the union last May. If the proposed break is followed through successfully, it

will mean, in effect, the formation of something like the Premier League in football and would leave the RFU in charge of the vast rump of the sport in England, some 2,000 clubs whose future is as amateurs.

"We have taken this step with considerable reluctance," Donald Kerr, the chairman of Epruc, said, but, the fact is, the whole organis-ation at Twickenham is paralysed by the in-fighting between rival parties. We cannot sit back and wait, not knowing when that may or may not be resolved — we have to embrace professionalism and

We are dealing with a game now involving serious financial commitments, and time is not on

The RFU is already braced for a significant blow in the form of

championship, but it had hoped that its clubs would go with it in the "seamless" game that it has been desperately trying to construct since August last year, when the International Rugby Football Board declared that the sport should go open. Instead, nearly every action that is has taken has blown up in its face, bedevilled by the squabble between rival committee factions that has centred on the role and personality of the chairman of the union's executive

There are now two factions, one perceived as reformers and includ-ing Tony Hallett, the secretary of the RFU, and Colin Herridge, the treasurer, and the other led by Cliff Brittle, the executive committee chairman who took up his post last

Brittle was swept to power by the



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overwhelming vote of the small clubs - those who remain broadly unaffected by the advent of professionalism - but the entry into rugby of wealthy businessmen has created an entirely new factor in

interest which expects money to buy success and which will not wait for rugby's often-tortuous decisionmaking to take effect.

The businessmen who now run several influential clubs met last month and are all agreed on the need to take control to protect combined investments now amounting to more than £30 million a vear

Nine of the 24 clubs involved in the threatened breakaway — Bath, Northampton, Saracens, Wasps, Bedford, Blackheath, London Scottish. Newcastle and Richmond now have owner-investors and three more have acquired substantial funding through other means. Those clubs which are still member-led will take Epruc's recommendation to their membership over the next three weeks. It is vital that the clubs stick

together if they are to make their move effective, for implicit in their decision is the need to establish their own governing body and, if necessary, their own logistical structure, since the RFU might reasonably conclude that the clubs no longer wish to participate in the union's competitions, nor benefit

ship agreements. The union's officials, who were in conclave in London last night, were said to be "disappointed" at the Epruc decision, though they have yet to discover the scale of the threatened departure.

from the union's administration.

which includes existing sponsor-

Taken to extremes, there will be two bodies involved in rugby in England, one catering exclusively for the professional clubs and one for the rest, though one leading club figure last night suggested

that, in time, the two sides would get back together.

There will be some within the RFU who will wish to wash their hands of the rebels, though the would mean also taking a back seaf in the world game. An England XV raised from outside the top two

divisions would not be competitive. There will also be questions raised about the contract made by the union with BSkyB (the satellite broadcasting company part-owned by News International, the owner of The Times) which caused the break between England and the other home unions. Part of that contract provided for funds to go to the clubs, which the RFU could now withdraw.

There are so many questions for a sport whose horizons could be so bright, yet continues with its feet firmly in a quagmire.

England make their pitch for one-day double

OLD TRAFFORD (Pakistan won toss): England beat Pakistan by five wickets

A PITCH of treacherous appearance and stifling conduct ensured that the first of three Texaco Trophy games fell dismally flat as an entertainment yesterday. England, however, will be unconcerned by such aesthetics. Victory, gained with quiet authority and with 20 balls in hand, came as a swift and reviving tonic after the depression of Test defeat.

No one needed the tonic more than Michael Atherton, and no one did more to earn it. The England captain was visibly and audibly deflated after the Oval Test. He seemed like a man who had suffered quite enough disappointments and heard one too many excaptain must be positive at all times, but he was finding it an

unusual strain. One limited-overs win does not provide a cure, only a consolation, but Atherton approached the day impressively. His handling of a limited attack was adroit and effective in restricting Pakistan to 225 for five and, after a tactical

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11 Succeed without knockout

14 Scrupulously exact (11)

19 Country, sounds cold (5)

22 He suggests a horse (7)

9 Large, thin, oblong piece (5)

change in the batting order, he entered at No 3 to supervise the successful chase with an innings of mature selectivity. His 65, made from 93 balls, won him the man-of-thematch award.

England, then, won with some comfort, and proceed to Edgbaston tomorrow with every chance of securing the Texaco double, after their victory over India in May. Pakistan will be stung, for they did themselves and their massive talent no justice here.

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even with the advantage of winning the toss.

obvious decision to bat, for the nature of the pitch indicated that it would behave capriciously from the start and deteriorate. In fact, it was consistent, if only in its inconsistencies, and while it was never easy to bat on - and its lack of pace was restrictive -it was neither dangerous nor unplayable. It did, however,

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make for an extraordinary sight. An international game in England can seldom have begun on a surface with such wide and crumbling cracks. Peter Marron, the Lancashire groundsman, spoke with candid embarrassment when he said that he would not be happy staging a Sunday

> square looks a mess, patchy and balding, and Lancashire are making urgent plans to restore it, starting with the re-laying of two pitches next year. They have produced some of the best pitches in the country in recent years and it is to be hoped that this is no more than a transitory problem, for there is to be an Ashes Test here next summer.

The ground will be packed then, just as it was yesterday. Ali 21,000 tickets were sold more than a month ago and after seeing England win and a one-day game blessedly finish in one day - most spectators probably went home happy. Not many will have left with their hearts beating faster, though, for excitement was in desperately

For this, the England ceeded, via anxiety and frustration, to near-helpless

Mullally's initial spell of seven overs cost only il runs and Gough suffered little by comparison. Pakistan's only consolations were the retention of wickets and the knowledge that England, mindful of the potential batting hazards, had chosen only five bowlers, of whom the vulnerable Irani was one and the newcomer.

Headley, another. It was, however, Irani who divided the openers in the 24th over. Saced miscuing to longon. Croft, whose flat, probing off spin was tailored to the conditions, then bowled ten tidy overs for the wickets of



short supply. bowlers must take some credit. Confronted by an opening pair. Aamir Sohail and Saeed Anwar, who love the freedom that the 15-overs fielding restrictions now permit, they bowled with such parsimony and precision that Pakistan were, in horse-racing terms, left in the stalls. They made 22 off ten overs and 38 off 15, by which time Asmir had mustered three singles and pro-



Aamir and Wasim, who had promoted himself unproductively to No 4. Ijaz played pragmatically for 48, but respectability was earned by Inzamam, whose unbeaten 37

came from only 28 balls. It was decided during the interval that Stewart, not Atherton, should open with Knight, and this assertive move brought rich rewards. Stewart. from the outset, timed the ball sweetly, Knight was pugnacious, and they had put on 57 in ten overs before Wasim took the first of his

three wickets. Although Stewart was out, leg-before to Waqar, two short of a merited half-century, England were coasting so long as Atherton was working the ball skilfully into the gaps. Thorpe fell to a rush of blood, as he occasionally does against slow bowlers in helpful conditions, and Maynard lived danger-ously before being bowled off his pads, but the irrepressible Irani strode in with six runs required and made them from two balls, further indication of a cricketer of great self-

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PAKISTAN Seeed Anwar c Mullally b Irani 57

ljaz Ahmed c Irani b Multally (78mm, 56 balls, 4 fours) "Wasim Akram b Croft (9min, 6 balls, 1 four)

mam-ul-Haq not out (42min, 28 balls, 4 lours) †Moin Khan b Gough (15min, 9 balls, 2 lours) Salim Malik not out

Extras (b 2, lb 4, w 7)... Total (5 wkts, 50 overs, 198min) , 225 Mushtaq Ahmed, Waqar Younis, Ala-ur-Rehman and Saqlain Mushtaq did not

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-82 (Aamir 22), 2-141 (Ijaz 26), 3-160 (fiaz 38), 4-174 (Inzamam 4), 5-203 (Inzamam 21). (Mizaram 4, 5-23) (Mizaram 2); BOWLING: Gough 10-0-44-1 (w 2, 5) lours: 5-0-16-0, 2-0-8-0, 3-0-20-1); Multally 10-3-31-1 (5 lours: 7-3-11-0, 3-0-20-1); Headisy 10-0-52-0 (w 3, 4 lours: 4-0-17-0, 4-0-18-0, 2-0-17-0); Irani 10-0-56-1 (w 2, 4 lours: 7-0-35-1, 2-0-15-0, 1-0-6-0); lours: 8-1-24-0, 2-0-12-2).

Score after 15 overs: 38-0 ENGLAND N V Knight c Moin b Wasim (42min, 34 balls, 2 lours) †A J Stawart Ibw b Wagar ... G P Thorpe st Moin b Aamlr (40min, 32 balls) M P Massard h Wasin

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-57 (Stewart 29), 2-98 (Atherton 19), 3-146 (Atherton 43), 4-200 (Maynard 27), 5-220 (Lloyd 2). 4-200 (Maynerd 27), 5-220 (Loyd 2).
BOWLING: Wasim Akram 9.4-1-45-3 (nb 3. w 3. 3 fours: 6-0-28-1; 3-1-9-1; 0.4-0-8-1); Wager Younis 7-0-28-1 (2 fours; 3-0-13-0, 3-0-10-1; (-0-5-0); Saqkian Mushtaq 10-1-54-0 (nb 3. w 1, 5 lours; 6-1-33-0, 4-0-21-0); Ata-us-Rehman 3-0-14-0 (w 1; one spell), Mushtaq Ahmad 10-0-52-0 (w 2 1 sx, 2 fours; 8-0-43-0, 2-0-9-0), Aamir Sohaii 7-1-29-1 (nb 1; 2 fours; one spell).

Score alter 15 overs: 77-1. England won by 5 wickets

Malch award: M A Atherton (Adjudi-cator: Mushiaq Mohammad). Umpires: N T Plews and G Sharp, TV replay umpire: J W Holder. Referee: P L van der Merwe MATCHES TO COME: Tomorrow: Edgbasson; Sunday: Trent Bridge.

Compiled by Bill Frindali

Boardman went to the line

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Boardman wins gold in record style

By Peter Bryan

CHRIS BOARDMAN has endured a long and tough 1996, but after the trials of the Tour de France and the demanding conditions of the Olympic Games in Atlanta, he enjoyed his moment of triumph yesterday, regaining the world 4,000 metres pursuit championship at the Manchester velodrome in a world record time. Fastest throughout the competition, Boardman beat the Olympic champion, Andrea Collinelli. TIMES CROSSWORDS: - Books, 3.6.8.10 to 13 64.25 each. Book 18 E3.75. The Times Concise- Book 2 [240 puzzles] £8.25. Books 3 to 5 E3.75 each. The Times Two - Books 3.4 E3.25 each. Also The Times Quiz Book 1996 £4.75.

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of Italy, for the gold medal. Until the halfway mark of the final, the Briton was trailing his opponent, but then he began to get his gear rolling smoothly and reduced a deficit that, at one time, had

been more than a second, lap by lap. When Boardman finally took the lead, it was at a speed that surprised even his greatest admirers and he finished in an extraordinary time, 4min 11.114sec, beating the record he had set himself earlier in the competition by 2.239sec. Collinelli, who tired and slowed after his initial efforts, finished in 4min 20.341sec. He had never been beaten by such a wide margin.

Boardman's win brought him his second world pursuit title and the fourth in four years for Great Britain, with Graeme Obree, of Scotland, taking the crown in 1993 and 1995. Boardman, who came to fore when winning the Olympic pursuit championship in

Barcelona in 1992, achieved his first world pursuit success in Palermo in 1994, the same year he won the world timetrial championship. He returned to the Olympics this year and, in hot and humid conditions that did not suoit him, he won a bronze medal in the time trial behind the Spaniards, Miguel Indurain and Abraham Olano.

The signs that Boardman was ready to win his second pursuit title were there in yesterday's semi-finals. Having seen Collinelli win his encounter with Francis Moreau, of France - the Italian again setting a blistering early pace and then holding on to record a time of 4min 16.141sec, his fastest ever -

concerned with beating Alexei Markov, of Russia. His time was not important. Victory was the passport to the final. Markov came out of his starting gate like a whippet and while Boardman was concerned with getting his high gear moving smoothly, the Russian established a lead of almost a second through the first kilometre. However. Boardman, to the ecstatic roar of the crowd, almost caught Markov. The fast start had taken its toll on the Russian but, in the final kilometre, Boardman drew inexorably ahead, finishing in 4min 15.006sec. Moreau's time of

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Israel forces ready for Arafat's big Jerusalem march

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

reinforcements have been brought into Jerusalem after Palestinians declared they wad break the law today with a mass pilgrimage to pray in the Holy City.

in Canda.

Palestinian leaders said the action would go ahead despite agreement yesterday from Is-rael that both sides would return to the negotiating table next week. Police said they had been placed on high alert to maintain order.

The protest will mark the second day of a campaign of civil disobedience against Israel called by Yassir Arafat. the Palestinian Authority chairman, who said the Jew-ish state had declared war on his people.

Mr Arafat wants Palestin-ians to defy an Israeli military closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip by attempting to enter Jerusalem today to pray at Al Aqsa mosque in the old city. He said the demonstrations were to protest at the decisions of Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, who allowed an expansion of Jewish settlements on the West Bank and the demolition of a Palestinian centre in

Within hours of a four-hour general strike yesterday - the first such action by Palestinians in two years — against Israeli policies, Dan Shomorn,

ISRAELI troop and police a senior Israeli government official and former military commander, and Saeb Erekat, the Palestinian chief negotiator, met in Jerusalem and agreed to reopen talks next week. Mr Erekat and Mr Shomorn are chairmen of the joint Israeli-Palestinian committee overseeing the peace process. Both men said their

> Despite the encouraging development, Mr Erekat said Palestinians still had a point to prove about religious freedom and for this reason the planned mass march to Jerusalem would not be called off. He said all Palestinians should be able to come and pray at Al Aqsa, the third holiest site in the Muslim

discussions had been positive.

"I think that people should be entitled to worship in Jerusalem in the holy places of Muslims and Christians and we have been urging the Israeli Government to lift the closure from around Jerusalem and to have people conduct their religious duties as normally as possible," he said.

Mr Erekat added that Mr Arafat's criticism of Israel was designed to save the peace process, not destroy it. "Mr Arafat's statements should not be taken out of their proper context. It was a clear-cut message of peace to the Israeli public. It is not a secret that

Colony's troops begin pullout

From Jonathan Mirsky IN HONG KONG

BRITISH forces will today start a ten-month withdrawa the status of peace is slipping from Hong Kong after more like sand through our fingers. than 150 years. The departing We believe that the expansion commander, Major-General of [Jewish] settlements, confis-Bryan Dutton, yesterday cation of land and terror urged the Chinese to state should belong to the past. It whether their soldiers will be was a message to save the peace process. And I think our subject to Hong Kong criminal and civil law.

General Dutton said that while Hong Kong's internal security can be handled by the local police, the Chinese garri-son, perhaps 8,000 men, will be a frontier defence force, but it would also maintain internal security if required by the local government and approved by Peking.

British soldiers are subject o military. Hong Kong and British law, the general said. "We have explained to the Chinese that they must ex-plain to the people of Hong Kong how they will relate to

The strength of British forces in Hong Kong is now 3.500. Over the coming months civilian support units will be disbanded, and many installations closed. Some Gurkhas will be demobilised and returned to Nepal, others will be stationed in Britain.

The First Battalion the Black Watch will arrive next year for the handover. On June 30, 1997, the final forces will sail away in a frigate and a supply ship, leaving, the general said, "with heads held high and in style".



Livingstone's statue at Victoria Falls which is to lose the word "liberator"

Livingstone denied title of 'liberator' in Zimbabwe

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

DAVID LIVINGSTONE, the Scottish missionary who helped to drive the slave trade out of southern Africa, is to be stripped of his description as "liberator" by the Zimbabwean Government.

Since 1954 the statue of the mildmannered doctor has overlooked the roaring water of the Devil's Cataract of the Victoria Falls in the northwest of the country, where he stood in awe in November 1855 as the first white man to see the world's largest waterfall.

Dumiso Dabengwa, the Minister of Home Affairs, has given orders that the word "liberator", which appears on a large bronze ring round the base of the statue. is to be removed. "David Livingstone should not be considered as a 'liberator'," Mr

Dabengwa said in parliament yesterday.
He had been asked by Aneas Chigwedere, an MP of the ruling Zanu (PF)
Party who is also a controversial historian:
"Who was liberated by David Livingstone in Zimbabwe for his statue to be labelled the liberator?

During his epic African journeys, Livingstone often came into contact with Arab slave traders, several times risking his life. He later gave lectures across Britain on the brutality of slavery. That generated a surge of outrage regarded as one of the main pressures which made the British Government press its European trading partners to suppress slavery.
"I am horrified." said a Zimbabwean

historian who asked not to be named. "It is so petty. It is pathetic."

Sources in the museums department aid, however, that the casting of a new bronze ring would be very expensive. "I don't know where the money for it will come from," one official said. "We can't even afford to have photocopying done.

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WALES & THE WEST

Khartoum sows seeds of Islamic terror in region

By Mark Huband, north africa correspondent:

THE rapid deterioration of heightened suspicion that they relations between Sudan's Islamic fundamentalist Government and neighbouring states has placed the region on a permanent alert despite efforts to force the Khartoum Government to end its policy of regional destabilisation.

There is open hostility to the increasingly isolated Government of Major-General Omar Hassan al-Bashir. Egypt. Ethiopia, Eritrea and Uganda accuse it of backing militant groups intent on installing Islamic governments in their countries.

Last month Osama al-Baz. political adviser to President Mubarak of Egypt, claimed that 15,000 Muslim militants were living in military training camps in Sudan. It was the first time the scale of Sudan's role as a haven for militants had been identified. dan's failure to explain

ble of the militants has

will find their way into militant groups throughout the Islamic world. Three men identified by Egypt as having attempted to assassinate President Mubarak in Ethiopia last

6 Sudan is a gathering place for the world's terrorists, and they're going to destabilise us 🤊

year are regarded by Egypt as reflecting Sudan's regional strategic aims. The three have since left for Afghanistan. Previously, Sudan's alleged backing for international terrorism had been based on assumptions, largely due to its provision of a haven for groups opposed to the Middle East peace process and Arab regimes backed by America.
The Hamas (Islamic Resis-

intention today is to give an immediate answer by starting

the implementation of the

[Israeli-Palestinian peace]

Mr Shomorn also expressed

optimism about the future of

Palestinian-Israeli relations.

"Today's meeting was a very

good one because it was very

tion on both sides that we have

to work out misunderstandings by regular meetings."

He pledged continuous

meetings from next week. The

advances made in these dis-

cussions would help to "lower

the level of tensions that we

However, tension flared last

night when an Israeli soldier

was killed by Muslim guerril-

las who ambushed an Israeli

patrol at Blat, close to the

Dore Gold, Mr Netanya-

hu's chief political adviser,

met Mr Arafat yesterday and

was scheduled to hold talks

with Abu Mazen, a senior

Palestinian official. The dis-

cussions could pave the way

for a meeting between Mr Netanyahu and Mr Arafat.

border in south Lebanon.

have seen recently".

frank and there was a recogni-

tance Movement) presence in Khartoum highlights this sup-portive role. "We have an Islamic project. Sudan has the same project, and we are going to carry out this project in all Islamic countries." Mounir Said, the Hamas representative in Khartoum, said. The Khartoum Government

is intent on playing in Africa the role that Iran plays in Central Asia and the Middle East - being at the vanguard of the Islamic revival movement. To this end, the the Arab-Israeli conflict is conveniently incorporated into Sudan's political rhetoric. Israel is in Kenya, Uganda

and with the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army. The main supplier to the SPLA is Israel. Israel has an Africa project. That makes its interests contradictory to ours. because it wants to promote the cult of hatred in Sudan," Ghazi Salah Eddin, a Sudanese official, said.

Last year Uganda severed diplomatic ties with Sudan after accusing Khartoum of supporting rebels of the Christian fundamentalist Lord's Resistance Army led by Joseph Kony, a long-time opponent of President Museveni of Uganda. "Sudan has provided uniforms, mines, mortars, light machineguns, and bases around Torit and Nimule." Colonel Kahinda Otafiire, Uganda's Security Minister, said. They have also been preparing Ugandan groups for Islamisation."

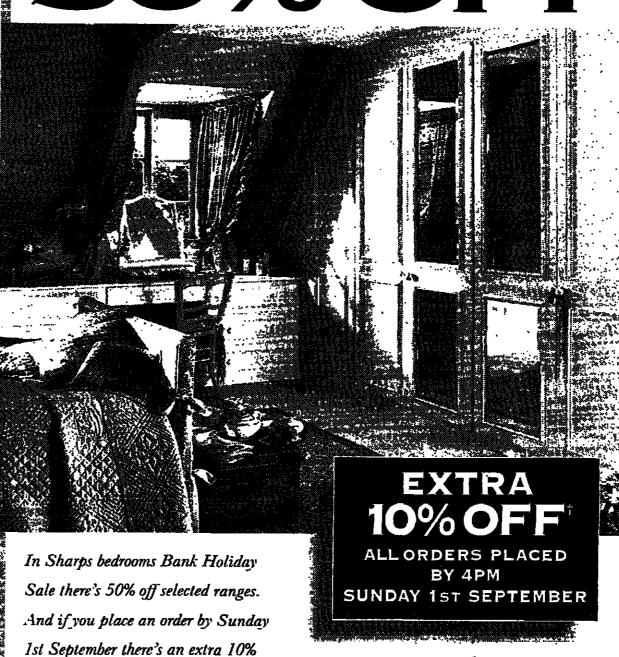
The severing of ties came four months after Eritrea did the same, on the ground that Sudan had provided military training to Eritrean Islamic extremists at a military base near refugee camps in northeastern Sudan housing 500,000 Eritreans. "We have lists of Eritreans training in several military camps," Saleh Kekia, Eritrea's Deputy Foreign Minister, said.

"We gave the lists to Khartourn and asked for these people to be handed over to us. but there's been no response. Sudan is a gathering place for all the world's terrorists, and they're going to destabilise us by any means. They have intentions for the whole region." he declared.

Mr Kekia named Nafi Ali Nafi. Sudan's Minister for Internal Security, as the mastermind behind the military training programme, whose strategy is a part of the Islamic programme of Hassan al-Tourabi, leader of the National Islamic Front, and the real power behind President al-Bashir's Government.

One Western diplomat in the region said this week: Something has to be done to change the course of Sudan's policies. If they don't change their policies, then they are digging their own grave."

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Rifkind attacks India on Kashmir

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

IN BARELY veiled criticism of mir was an issue of "great India's framework for next parliamentary and public inmonth's controversial local assembly elections in Jammu Kashmir, Malcolm Rifkind yesterday denounced the intimidation of voters by both the security forces and

separatists.
"If the elections are to succeed, they must be free and fair," the Foreign Secretary said in a speech in Delhi. The electorate must feel safe enough to exercise the right to vote, but those who did not wish to do so should also have their wishes respected.

Terrorism, he added, must not be allowed to trample on democracy. "Violence cannot replace dialogue. When trust has crumbled, it must be re-

Mr Rifkind said that Kash-

terest" in Britain. The Government was anxious that any opportunity for peace should

Later, in an interview, he called for international observers to monitor the polls. That is not currently on offer," he added. Nevertheless, Britain and other members of the international community would keep an eye on the

Mr Rifkind also criticised India for not signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). This refusal, he said, could lead to the failure of the treaty. The cause of nuclear disarmament, of which India had long been a strong exponent, would be



An Indian soldier is rescued from the Srinagar building used by paramilitary border forces after it was damaged by a bomb yesterday

He recognised that India had the right to make its own decision on the treaty in the light of its security interests. But, he said, the treaty would work only if all the countries involved agreed to it. If one county refused to sign, others

might judge that it was not in their interests to do so, he said. ing that negotiations should Mr Rifkind's remarks on be based on present realities Kashmir, a subject of enorrather than the situation at the mous sensitivity in both India time of India's independence. and Pakistan, will be closely His successor's remarks coinanalysed by both countries. cided with an upsurge of violenge in Srinagar, the Two years ago Douglas Hurd

angered Pakistan by suggest-Kashmir capital. A bomb in a crowded marketplace yesterday injured 11 people and started a fire that destroyed eight shops. Nobody immediately claimed responsibility.

Police said the bomb was hidden inside a shop on the ground floor of a building also used to house paramilitary border troops. They said a soldier saw a man placing a box near a shop, but he fled

before he could be caught. They suspect the bomb was detonated by remote control. **Serbs fire**

at Muslim refugees in village

> FROM REUTER IN MAHALA, BOSNIA

NATO troops detained 46 Serbs yesterday, many of them policemen, after gunmen fired at Muslim refugees returning to homes in a Serb-controlled village on Bosnia's postwar boundary line.

No casualties were reported after the shooting in the remote northeastern hamlet of Mahala, but some Muslims were badly beaten by club-wielding Serbs, United Nations police monitors said.

The incident reflected rising nationalist tension among Muslims. Serbs and Croats as Bosnia lurches towards internationally organised general elections on September 14. The 1995 Dayton peace accord reclaim homes in safety, but ultra-nationalists on all sides, especially the Serbs, have flouted this rule with

Muslims who had been resettling the abandoned vil-lage of Mahala in keeping with Dayton had no weapons, and the UN denounced the Serb attack as "unprovoked and extremely uncalled for".

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Mother Teresa on the mend

Calcutta: Mother Teresa, re-cuperating in a Calcutta hospital from malaria and heart trouble, pleaded with doctors vesterday to let her go back to her work with the poor 🙀

Dr Dinamoni Banerjee said the So-year-old nun, who has been in hospital for nine days, would be released from the intensive care unit in two days and placed in a post-cardiac unit. He said she was allowed to sit in a chair yesterday and would be permitted to walk today. "After that we will be able to pronounce her to be totally out of danger." Dr Banerjee said. (Reuter)

Leader refuses to be cowed

Jakarta: Megawati Sukarno-putri. Indonesia's embattled opposition leader, is refuging to bow to growing pressure to withdraw her legal action against the Government, the military and rebels within her own party. She is also refusing to settle out of court unless her opponents concede that she was illegally ousted as leader of the Indonesian Democratic

Tamil rebels kill 29 in ambush

Colombo: At least 29 people, including four civilians, were killed when Tamil rebels and bushed a police patrol in eastern Sri Lanka, a military spokesman said. Among the dead were 24 policemen and a paramilitary trooper. Ten policemen and three civilians licemen and three civilians were injured in the biggest rebel attack in more than a month. (AP)

Corsica bomb wrecks offices

Ajaccio: Separatist guerrillas planted two bombs at govern-ment offices on the French island of Corsica in spite of fresh warnings of a crackdown, police said. One bomb seriously damaged two floors of the Agriculture Ministry offices. The second device was defused before it could

Harare staff get 20 per cent rise

Harare: The Zimbabwean Government awarded civil servants a 20 per cent pay rise yesterday to end a ten-day strike, but workers stayed on the streets to press for some dismissed staff to be reinstated. Inflation has been 22 per cent on average over the past two years. (Reuter)

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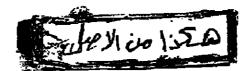
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Farmers in France stage night raids to block British beef

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THOUSANDS of angry French farmers erected barricades and intercepted lorries spected of carrying beef from Britain or countries outside the European Union in an all-night protest over the dire effects of "mad cow" disease.

The display of muscle by farm unions, organised in strictest secrecy and carried out with military-style precision, helped to push the franc yesterday to its lowest level for five months.

Using portable telephones and faxes, union leaders mobilised more than 15,000 demonstrators to block main roads, frontier posts and toll gates from late Wednesday night, while squads of farmers carried out spot-checks on lorries carrying meat into France. Simultaneous protests yere held in several French wis and cities

Unions said the "nocturnal operation" was intended to reassure French consumers that no British beef was being smuggled into France in defiance of the import ban, and to ensure that all imported meat conformed with health safety standards. But the protest was also aimed at cheap meat from East Europe, which French farmers say has helped to

force down prices after the the dock, but we treated them mad cow crisis. Beef consumption in France has dropped by a third since March.

The unions called yesterday for a ban on the import of all meat from countries outside the EU. "These products, of dubious quality and cleanliness, are flooding the French beef market," a union statement said.

More than 2,000 lorries were intercepted illegally be-lore the barricades were dismantled yesterday morning. The unions said at least 15 lorries were found to be carrying "suspect" cargo. More than 40 British lorries

were stopped on arrival at the Channel ports of Dieppe and Le Havre between 10pm and 4am. Four of these, carrying British poultry and lamb, were searched thoroughly and then allowed to continue.

"We know it's illegal, we have no right to intercept vehicles, but we felt it was important for the sake of French consumers," Arnold Puech-Dalissac, an official of the National Centre of Young Farmers in Normandy, said.

The British lorry drivers always look frightened when they see a hundred French farmers waiting for them on correctly.

The police made no attempt to restrain the farmers. But union officials said police had diverted some lorries away from the roadblocks. The demonstration, on the

eve of an EU meeting to discuss the mad cow crisis, was jointly organised by France's two largest agricul-tural unions, the FNSEA and the young farmers' union, which have long threatened an "explosive" end to the summer. Farmers are demanding increased compensation to counter the collapse of the beef market. There will be more union operations in the next few days if our calls for help are not heard," a statement said.

Luc Guyau, head of the FNSEA, said: "We will be inflexible." He added that the aim of the protest was not to close borders, but to ensure that "both producers and con-sumers benefit from complete openness on the origin of meat". The operation was carried out in secrecy in order to intercept "rogue importers from outside the EU".

In other protests, farmers dumped veal on the streets of



A gendarme helps farmers at a Belgian border post to check the origin of beef being transported by a Dutch lorry

ment offices in the Creuse region and occupied an abattoir near Grenoble. A Dutch lorry driver on the Belgian border who refused to allow an inspection had his tyres slashed and his cargo handed

Philippe Vasseur, the Agri-culture Minister, insisted the Government was sympathetic to their demands. "We will do what we have to do to ensure they are compensated for their losses and to safeguard their future," he said.

President Chirac has agreed to meet a delegation of farmers from the Vienne region today. The group, which had set off three weeks ago on a 220-mile march to Paris, driving a herd of more than 30 cows ahead of them, is due to arrive on the Champ de Mars in central Paris this morning, a day ahead of schedule.
"We have some simple

truths to tell him, particularly about the effects of mad cow disease," a spokesman for the

Russian air crash in Arctic kills 141

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW AND ANDREW GLASSE IN OSLO

AN AGEING Russian airliner carrying miners to an Arctic airstrip in Norway crashed into a mountain yesterday.

killing all 141 on board. In the latest disaster to hit Russia's accident-prone civil aviation, reports from the remote island of Spitsbergen said a Tupolev 154 passenger jet crashed six miles from its

ment of Longyearbyen. "No survivors have been found and our first-aid staff are returning from the crash site," said Kjetil Hansen, a local government official, dashing hopes that any of the 129 passengers and 12 crew had survived the crash.

Norwegian rescue teams were scrambled soon after the jet lost radio contact at midmorning. The first rescuers to reach the scene, about two hours after the crash, said wreckage was strewn over a wide area, at the top of the 3,000ft Opera Mountain and

in the Helvetia Valley below. There are no roads in the area and a search-and-rescue operation, using Norwegian and Russian helicopters, was launched. But the rescue efforts were hampered by bad weather and the rugged mountainous area.

The terrain has to be seen to be described," said Finn Bjoernar Hansen, a spokesman for the Norwegian rescue service. "It is very difficult."

The aircraft, chartered from the Moscow-based company Vnukovo Airlines, was carrying Russian and Ukrainian miners and their families to the Arctic station, where the Russians operate two opencast coal pits.

Under the 1920 Treaty of Svalbard, the archipelago, about 400 miles north of the Norwegian mainland, comes under Oslo's sovereignty but 40 other signatories are allowed equal exploitation rights. More than 2,000 Russians work at the coalmining settlements in Spitsbergen.

The Tupolev 154, designed in the 1960s, is the workhorse of Russia's passenger fleet. But it has acquired a notorious reputation after a string of accidents. Last year 174 people died in air crashes.

Pope insists that Jesus was Mary's only child

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE Pope returned to the public stage yesterday with an er hatic reassertion that Jesus had no brothers or sisters and that his mother, Mary, was a virgin before and after the birth of Jesus.

The Pope's statement, made to his regular audience at the Vatican on Wenesday, is clearly intended to put to rest centuries of speculation that Christ was not Mary's only child. It also signals his determination to assert his doctrinal authority despite a series of mysterious "abdominai complaints" which recently have taken him out of the public eve.

Controversy has raged for years over whether Jesus had siblings, and if so whether that contradicts the assertion of Mary's virginity. Matthew and Mark both clearly refer to Jesus's "brothers", naming them as James, Joseph (sometimes called Joses). Simon (not to be confused with Simon Peter, the apostle) and Judas Judas Iscariot). James became a prominent leader of the early Church and an Epistle bears his name.

"sisters". In both Matthew (13. vv 55-58) and Mark (6, vv 2-6), the sceptical crowd in the

synagogue where Jesus is that Mediterranean cultures preaching say: "Is this not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas? And are not all his sisters here too? Where does he get all this from?" This prompts Jesus's famous remark that a prophet is not without honour "except in his home country and in his

own family". John's Gospel says that Jesus's brothers wanted him to prove publicly that he was the Messiah. "Jesus's brothers said, no one can hope for recognition if he works in obscurity ... For even his brothers had no faith in him" (John 7, vv 4-5).

The Pope said that the Bible's reference to Jesus as "Mary's firstborn" did not imply that other children had followed. In Jewish law, the term meant a woman's first child regardless of whether she had others later. The words "brothers and sisters" were used loosely in the Gos-The Evangelists also refer to pels, the Pope said, because there was no word for "cousin" in Hebrew or Aramaic. Vatican officials point out

remain vague in their use of terms to describe relatives (nipote in Italian, for example, can mean either nephew or grandchild). Some theologians suggest that the "brothers" were the children of the Virgin Mary's sister, also confusingly called Mary, who is reported in both Mark and John as being present at the Behind the Pope's assertion

that Jesus had cousins but not brothers lies his preoccupation with the cult of the Virgin Mary. He frequently visits Marian shrines and holds up Mary (usually referred to as the Blessed Virgin Mary) as an example to all women. The notion of Mary's "perpetual virginity" took hold only in the century and was not formally adopted until the Council of Ephesus in AD431. But the Pope brushed all doubts aside, insisting that Mary had been referred to as

aeiparthenos - Greek for

er Christ was a human or a

+assumed into Heaven".

More difficult was the doc-"eternally virgin" - since "the

> the Marian cult have since tried unsuccessfully to secure status for the Virgin as "Co-Redeemer" of mankind with Christ. Pope Paul VI, at the Second Vatican Council in 1964, met some of their demands by proclaiming her to The Mother of the

Mary was born without sin and remained so throughout The most recent positive ruling on the Virgin was in 1950, when Pope Pius XII ruled that Mary did not die in the conventional sense at the end of her life but instead was the Fatima shrine.

long split

IN THE early days of the Church, Mary was hardly mentioned in Christian writings, except in the apocryphal Book of James, where her "perpetual virginity" is first mentioned (Richard Owen writes). But in a sign of growing devotion to Mary, the Council of Ephesus gave her the title Theotokos, meaning "God-bearer", over the pro-tests of the Bishop of Constantinople. Nestorius, who was later branded a heretic.

The doctrine that Mar her son, had ascended into Heaven - the Assumption then spread as well. The Pope, who yesterday appeared to assert more firmly than in the past that Mary had no children other than Jesus, celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary on August 15at Castelgandolfo.

trine of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary was free fron original sin from the moment of her own conception. In the Middle Ages this was fiercely disputed. Despite the objections of leaders of the Reformation. who stressed Mary's humility and thought she was being excessively glorified, it gained ground in the 16th century. when the Feast of the Immaculate Conception was fixed in

on Marian doctrine

early December.

More passionate devotees of Conception — the belief that Church.

The present Pope is said to believe that he owes his life to Mary. The assassination attempt on St Peter's Square in May 1981 was on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, and the Pope donated the bullet which was removed from his body to

earliest Christian period". Protestants retain their doubts

By ALAN HAMILTON MAINSTREAM Protestant

tradition has always had its doubts about Mary's perpetual virginity and has at least admitted the possibility, on slender evidence in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, that Jesus may have had siblings. That possibility dents the concept, born of the earliest Christian doctrines, of the "ever virgin" Mary. Yet some of the leading figures of the Reformed

Church, including Martin Luther. John Calvin and John Wesley, held that Mary was a virgin and they dismissed the dea of Christ having siblings. Today Anglicans are prepared to accept the theory of Christ's brothers and sisters. A Church of England spokes-

sisters or cousins." Early believers had difficulty in grasping the concept of a

man said last night: "The vast majority of New Testament scholars, including some Roman Catholics, now take the description of Jesus's brothers and sisters in Mark, Chapter 6, as referring to his real brothers and sisters and

celestial being: in AD325 the first ecumenical council, at Nicaea, came down in favour of Christ the real man, and the use of the phrase "born of the Virgin" in the Nicene Creed is intended to substantiate that Centuries later, Pope Pius 1X proclaimed in 1854 the

virgin birth, as many still do

see no need to speculate about their being half-brothers, halfdoctrine of the Immaculate

today. The second-century Gnostics contrived the explanation that Christ passed through the body of Mary as light passes through a window. The early theological arguments centred on wheth-

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Christians | Kremlin snipes at Lebed deal By RICHARD BEESTON settlement was seriously Chechen claims for indepen-

ALEKSANDR LEBED, Russia's national security chief. returns to Chechenia today in an effort to build a permanent peace on the foundations of his successful week-long truce in the breakaway republic.

However, only hours before he was due to depart for the Caucasus, the former army general faced fresh criticism from the Russian Government about his peace plan and a deafening silence from President Yeltsin.

Yesterday's vaguely worded attack came from Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, who reportedly told the Afghan War veteran that his initiative for a lasting

flawed. "Aleksandr Lebed's plan of action in Chechenia needs a lot of work," said the Prime Minister's spokesman, after the two men met for the second time this week. General Lebed secured a

solid ceasefire a week ago which has seen the withdrawal of thousands of Russian troops and Chechen rebels from flashpoints, particularly Grozny, the Chechen capital, where the former enemies are now mounting joint patrols. However, the secretary of

the National Security Council has encountered stiff resistance in Moscow to the next phase of his mission - finding a permanent solution to the conflict and reconciling dence with Kremlin insistence that the republic is part of the Russian Federation. His plan entails an interim

period of up to five years, when the status issue would be frozen, followed by a referendum, which could see Chechenia emerging as a "protectorate" or "associate" member of the Russian Federation. Today General Lebed intends to sign a "joint state-ment" with the Chechen rebel leadership setting out the broad objectives of his plan.

However, he has now become the target of daily attacks by the left wing and nationalist opposition, who accuse him of selling out Russian interests.



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Pictures like this gave Towell a place in one of the world's most exclusive clubs. "Moses moping about not being able to go into town" — a photograph from the Towell family album

Focus on a family man

Larry Towell's images of family life in the backwoods have placed him Towell takes pictures of his family. Only he among the world's great photographers, says Candida Crewe does it rather better than the rest of us. When the photographers at Magnum saw his work, they were blown away by the sublime shots of a woman in a pickup truck, child beside her eating a pear, the baby in a pail in the garden; and the pregnant mother and daughter lying naked on a bed. anyone else had had the chance to get wind of this

Magnum photographers are mostly a hardened lot, more used to the sight of widows weeping to a child injured or dying, and in general to death, despair and dezones of the world. But on happening upon Towell's photographs of the ordinary life of peasants in Central America, and later seeing those of his wife and children on their farm in Ontario, they welcomed him to their fold before

tucked-away genius. Towell is a tall man with pale skin and a beard. At a café near Magnum's London office, he tucks into a huge

appetite. He is slightly gruff and shy, but falls well short of being hick. According to his either rather outdated, or extremely modest, business card, Towell is a "Human Being". He is also a full member of the highly exclusive photographic agency which was started in 1947 by, among others. Henri Cartier-Bresson and Robert Capa. and

most difficult "club" to enter in the world.

which is still probably the

cess takes four to five years. There are rarely more than 40 members, from Paris to London, from New York to Japan — and, since 1993, to Bothwell. Ontario (where Towell now lives).

Towell is one of the more eccentric members. Quite of-ten, when showing his pictures to his colleagues, he accompanies the slide-show with a few of his own songs on the guitar. This is not the usual Magnum practice.

ham. Ontario, in 1953, one of eight children of a poor autorepair man. His mother would buy the family's clothes at the Salvation Army, and once found there "a little treat" for the 13-year-old Towell in the

form of a Kodak box camera. "She'd buy the film and process it for me at 95 cents for 2 exposures," he recalls, "I think I took one, maybe two, rolls a year. It wasn't exactly a

At university in Toronto, studying visual arts, he did a one-month photographic course and graduated to three rolls of film. It was a long and more indirect route which led him into photography as a career, via a stint of voluntary work in Calcutta in Mother Teresa's community, and afterwards, back home, living for nearly three years in poverty and virtual isolation on a home-made raft, eating just carrots and oatmeal and catfish, and writing poetry. He married Ann, the woman who regularly features in his photographs, in 1978.

An interest in Central America led him to Nicaragua, where he made a record of the revolution through the eyes of the civilians. Back home, he wondered what to do with his photographs. "I'd seen inter-

> For three years he lived in poverty, writing poetry

esting pictures in papers and magazines with the Magnum name on. I thought it just must be a photo library, and I could sell my photographs to it." He sent off some slides and, to his surprise, got a call summon-ing him to New York.

They said I could become a nominee [two-year apprentice]. I thought, 'let's just try this thing'. It wasn't till about a year later, after going into bookstores and talking to other photographers, that I began to discover what Magnum really was! It was then I realised I ought to become a photographer."

"My work hasn't got an easy market," Towell admits. While it has earned him the accolades of his peers, it has not made him rich. "It's not commercial," he says. Recently he did a series of pictures of cows. Canadian cows leading ordinary lives are not exactly the stuff of hard international news. He refuses to go on assignments, nor does he ever work in colour.

"For me, black and white has a personal latitude, has room for the photographer to move about. Photography has many similarities with poetry .. Black and white is minimalist, just as poetry is like literature with the water someoned out " As for his

subject matter, he does have a particular interest in land and landlessness. "Land makes people into who they are and when they lose it, they lose

their identity. But there is still an enduring opinion among his fans that his pictures of his own family are among his best - those which so moved and swaved the hardened men of Magnum when he was up for membership - even if they're not the normal Magnum fare.

Towell believes that all photography is essentially about the family. "War and famine is about families in dire conditions," he says. He has a 75acre farm in Ontario where. he says, "it makes sense to take pictures of my own family. I leave the camera in the kitchen, and occasionally just take it off the fridge to take pictures. The family is a very important force in one's life. The photojournalist has to learn to negotiate through life. When you have a family it teaches you to do just that, to give and to take of life."

● Larry Towell's exhibition Family Album will take place at the Zelda Cheatle Gallery from October 15 to November 22.

Will Cherie do a Hillary?

Labour is struggling with the temptation of a Blair-Booth ticket, says Joe Joseph

Cherie:

Hillary:

fter Hillary Clinton's startling rebirth at this week's Democratic convention in Chicago, new Labour's spin-doctors are chewing their nails over whether or not to let Cherie Blair follow in her footsteps and make an historic speech at this autumn's Labour Party conference in Blackpool.

It could turn out to be the most tantalising showbiz coup since the Kinnocks' Sheffield rally. Yes, that Sheffield rally which is why Labour's Svengalis aren't sure whether to chance their luck again.

Nevertheless. many Tories suspect that this is precisely the plan Labour has up its sleeve. though they won't say whether they relish or

So far. Cherie Booth, as prefers it has concentrated on her own Bar career. Whereas Tony will offer an opinion on Weetabix if it gets him on to News At Ten, Cherie speaks in public only expensively, on be-half of her clients, or passionately, on behalf of charities that care for bat-

tered women and abused children.

Being smart - possibly smarter than her husband - Cherie is assumed to play Lady Macbeth to Tony, in the same way that Hillary is assumed to null the strings that work Bill. a man who couldn't even figure out how to smoke a ioint but who now runs the world's biggest economy. Blair also hears the whis-

pers, which is why he tried to kill talk that British voters would get "two-forone" by saying: "Cherie is a successful woman in her own right. She has no

desire to do my job."
Yet while Labour's spindoctors were still struggling yesterday to evaluate the impact of Hillary Clinton's address, political circles here were already abuzz over whether a speech by Cherie at Blackpool would turn wavering career women into Labour voters, or shatter their idealism by suggesting that at the final hurdle Cherie "Call me Booth" Blair had

willingly turned herself into a syrupy, dutiful Stepford Wife.

But hang on. Might not the sight of one of Britain's most powerful female barristers looking dreamily but mutely at her husband not also make the Labour faithful wonder if she had crumpled into the role of loyal wifey?

It's tricky. Germaine Greer fears new Labour might study this dilemma and jump the wrong way. "Cherie Blair has a life and a profession of her own," Greer says. "If she was playing loyal wifey

she would be getting big hair and heavy make-up and the little suit and the 4in heels to stagger round the party conference à la Oprah Winfrey, telling the delegates just how big a man her man is. Cherie Blair is one of the few things new Lab-

our is handling properly." Greer's free ad-vice? "Get off her

that while there

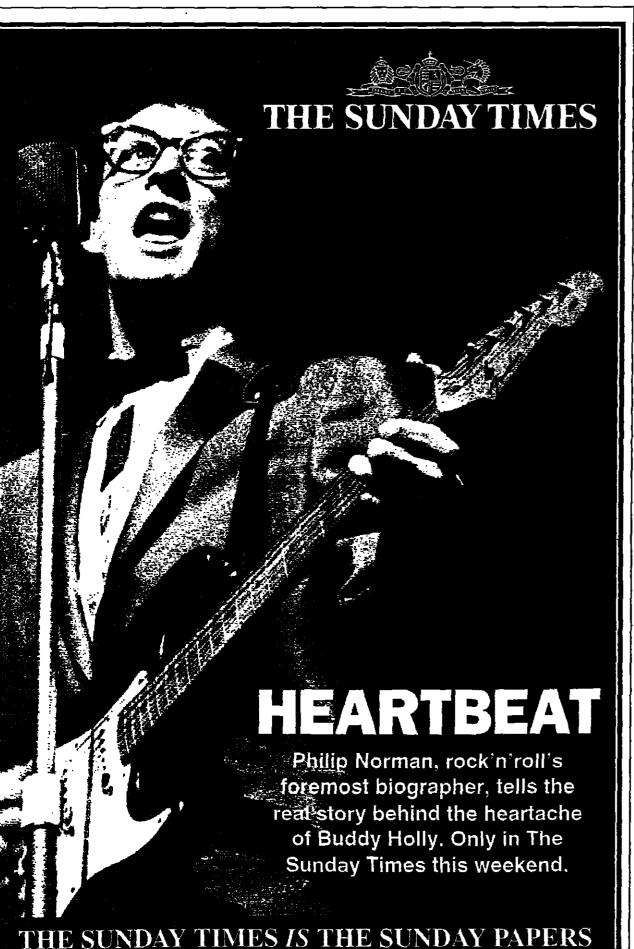
back." It is a view echoed by many Labour lights, who buttonhole you to tell you

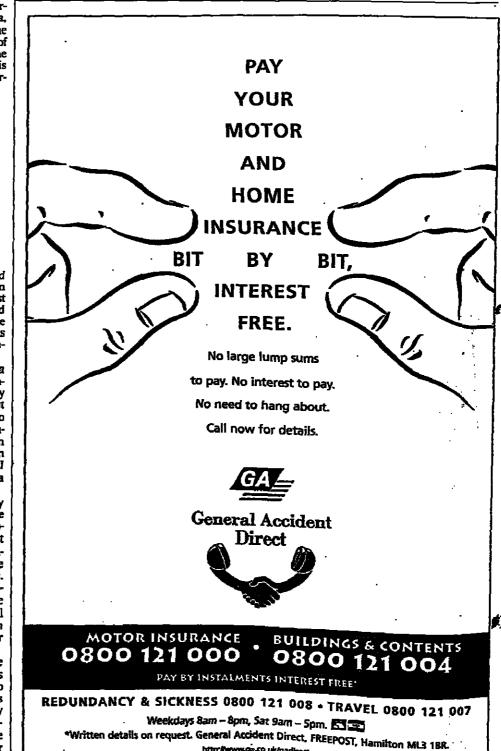
have been several attampts to create parallels between Cherie Blair and Hillary, Britain's First Lady-in-Waiting is a private person, whereas Hilla-ry Clinton has always been

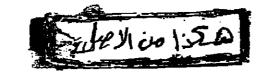
a very public person. This faction insists that Cherie doesn't need to speak at Labour's conference to be seen as someone who balances an important job with being a successful Islington mother who does a wonderful job of raising her family — a combina-tion which already makes her a marvelious role model for women all over

Britain. and watching. "I'm sure there'll be considerable interest in Cherie Blair at the Labour conference," a pert voice at Central Office says, because she is the first wife of a party leader to have stood for office in her own right, and that was back in 1983."

And will Norma Major be speaking at the Conservatives' conference in Bournemouth? "I really couldn't comment on that!"







Why I'm frightened of the power that attractive women have over me

Novelist Sean Thomas on an absent father, drug addiction and an affair which ended in a rape charge. Interview by Mary Riddell

e is late. The wait will no doubt be worthwhile, since every word penned by Sean Thomas suggests a sex symbol beside whom Brando might have looked like a bit of an anorak.

His genes, of course, were helpful. His father is D.M. Thomas, author of The White Hotel and master of the sexual psychodrama. But even his works have the shock value of Postman Pat compared with Sean's testosterone-driven

One expects him to be dropdead gorgeous. But no. The young man who appears in the restaurant has freckles, poodle-curled hair, a nervous cough, a shaving rash on his neck and a cotton sweater with three little golfers embroidered on it.

He looks as if he has come to sell you a second-hand car and to being chastised for rather than a credo

He admits

that he is

of repressed male sexuality, "Do I seem clean-living?" he says. "I'm not, though I do try to be more moderate

afraid of A quick trawl through his CV going shows that, in the back to past, he could scarcely have been heroin less restrained. Eight years ago he walked free from

the Old Bailey, acquitted of raping his girlfriend on the night he showed her the draft of a novel which described their relationship. In court the girl admitted that she enjoyed riolent sex and the defence told the jury that bruise marks on her face were "part of their normal sexual activity". Unsurprisingly, the novel was never published, and Thomas looked for other consolation. Several years later he lay in a bunk on the Trans-Siberian Railway. senseless from vodka. knowing that this drugstarved journey was his last chance to escape heroin

"I stopped when I considpenury, and I had lost all my friends. I had spent £40,000 and was about to be evicted. I thought: This is really

stupid'."
If Sean Thomas's story merely encompassed the return of the prodigal, it would be a simple one. But, woven through it, is what seems an almost desperate need to shock. Some time ago he wrote to The Spectator claiming, on The evidence of his time on

Germany

remand in Brixton, that there was an inverse correlation between the genital size of his fellow-inmates and the intelligence of their race.

By last year, he was twittering on in a newspaper about stockings. ("Stockings make dinner party foreplay a practical proposition.") Now he says he regrets the Brixton letter and always had grave doubts about the hosiery

His first and largely-autobiographical novel, published next month is, while luridly specific on sex, rather cautious about the hero's father - in fiction, as in life, a shadowy presence.

"He was absent when I was young. Either he was in the house, writing, or away." With girls, one presumes, since D.M. admits in his memoir to a dalliance with a fifth-former

> affairs with two students while his wife was recoverhysterectomy.
> "My relationship

with him is quite there was no sense of a moral overseer when I was a child. My mum had to play both roles, and I think young men need a strong. male, nay-saying

figure."

In the absence of such guidance. Sean appeared to opt for a rather dismal replay of his famous father's life. "No, that's not fair. I've never married, so I've never caused a wife pain. Marry wisely or not at all. So I'm still unmarried at 33," he says.

If he had a model of happy families, it lay in his sister, Caitlin, her husband Gareth and their son, Alex, to whom his novel is dedicated. Alex (changed to Alice in the book) was two when he fell into a swimming pool and was pulled out, effectively braindead, nine minutes later.

Thomas's horrified descriptodaler reduced to a state he clearly saw as both tragic and repugnant deviates from reality only at the end. The novel's hero kills the handicapped child, tearing the tracheotomy tube from her throat. His own nephew died, aged five, of pneumonia.

By now he is drinking wine quite fast and eating huge platefuls of school dinner stodge. He has given up smoking, he says, but he asks for one of mine. He admits.



"I want to write the truth." says Sean Thomas. "There is an undercurrent of aggression in male feelings — but I'm not saying that men should go out and ravish women

suddenly, that he is afraid of going back to heroin.

"I live in constant fear of relapse. Partly I miss it, and partly I've seen so many friends relapse." Condemnatory after his recovery of addicts who saw themselves as victims of an illness, he says now that his free-choice argu-

hat is not to say he sees any trace of the victim in himself. Nor do his theories invite sympathy. "I want to write the truth. There is an undercurrent of aggression in male feelings. I'm not saying that men should go out and ravish women or express any violence to them at all.

But I also think it's absurd that men can't admit to their wives that they like pornography or admit to having a pile

of *Playboys* in their bedroom. "Plus, there is a male desire to go out and conquer. That's what cavemen did." Indeed. but privileged Sean Thomas might reasonably be expected to have taken a Darwinian lurch forward from the social etiquette of Piltdown Man.

Perhaps he is just scared of women? "I'm frightened of the power women have over me. You know, men really are poleaxed by women they find attractive. Their desirability is quite a frightening thing." And so is unravelling such scary views.

Innocent as he was, perhaps the rape case left lasting scars? "Certainly for a long time afterwards. I was very scared. I've had a couple of relationships that were healthier, but I'm still frightened of getting hurt. It was an intense love affair for both of us."

So he is really saying that an affair which ended in a rape charge and, indirectly, turned him to drug addiction and despair, remains the benchmark of love? "They say you get addicted to strong emo-tions. I have been looking for another amazing emotion to change my life. Probably a good thing if I stop that? Do you think so?"

Oh, certainly. How about a displacement activity? Wild flower arranging, for example. Funnily enough, he says, his next novel will be all about the English countryside. Not much sex at all. I tell him I shall look forward to it.

Absent Fathers, Andre Deutsch,

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Blair must be more offensive

David Goodhart says voters feel

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ow should the Labour Party manage the in-evitable drop in its opinion poll ratings between now and the election? John Prescott, Labour's chippier Willie Whitelaw, believes the party needs more policy rigour and less spin-doctoring. In this he seems to speak for Clare Short, most of old Labour, the Left, and even some Blairite

loyalists. But is heright? When a party has evolved as rapidly as Labour has in the past two years it is bound to have a fuzzy identity among activists and voters. I am a sceptical social democrat who will vote for Blair, but when I sat down to list the things which Labour would definitely do in office, I could come up

with only three or four. This did not cause me to lose sleep because like most voters. I am not very interested in specific policies. I am, however, delighted that Tony Blair has converted the party back to Gaitskellite social democracy. shorn of the Bevanites and the overmighty unions. I am pleased, too, that the apparatchiks have taken over from the

anarchists in running the par-ty — pace Austin Mitchell. I feel confident that if Blair could write an honest singleparagraph manifes-

to it would read something like this: "Look, polities can only change things at the margin in most people's lives. so let us not promise the earth. Many of the changes of the past 17 years are either desirable or

irreversible. It is now our job to tame the excesses of the market and to improve the lifechances of people at the bottom of the heap where we can. Apart from the odd radical flourish - just as likely to be inspired by the values of the "Right" as of the "Left" — we will manage the status quo better than the Tories."

The Labour Party now has lots of policies which flow from such a sober approach, as I discovered when - shamed by my ignorance - I acquired some party documents. The policies turn out to be exceedingly dull and technocratic (with the notable exceptions of the minimum wage and Scottish devolution). In education. for example, Labour has accepted most of the Conservative reforms but has plans for three of four minor amendments — such as changing the basis of school league tables which will be appreciated only

by education insiders. No wonder many of the activists inspired by Blair's slushy rhetoric about a young country think Labour needs more policies. What they really mean, of course, is that they want differ-ent, exciting policies, the kind that voters do not like at all. The Blairites understand this problem - the much-derided Road to the Manifesto document struggles with it inconclusively for 40 glossy pages and they will, rightly, not concede an inch.

But there is a second, and less attractive reason for such a low-key approach to policy. Some of the most influential new Labour advisers, who came of age politically in the Thatcher era, have inherited a very bleak view of the British electorate. They regard most of the voters as mean-spirited individualists who, given the money, would pull up the drawbridge around their families and retreat into a wholly privatised world. Even Tony Blair's mild-as-milk social democracy is thought to be anathema to many of the Tory working-class voters who have become the obsession of some Blair advisers. So, say the

advisers, keep quiet about it.

In any case, they add, the

political system no longer allows for a rational discussion of policy. Once, we had a rep-resentative democracy in which social and political élites in collaboration with various "intermediate institutions" had a free hand to govern between elections. We now live in a raucous plebiscitary democracy in which the authority of elites has dwindled and the only intermediate institution of any authority is the media. There is a plebiscite each morning in the national papers which both secondguesses and shapes opinion.

There is something in this gloomy picture. And it is easy to see how the mangling of Labour policy in past elections, or even the contempt

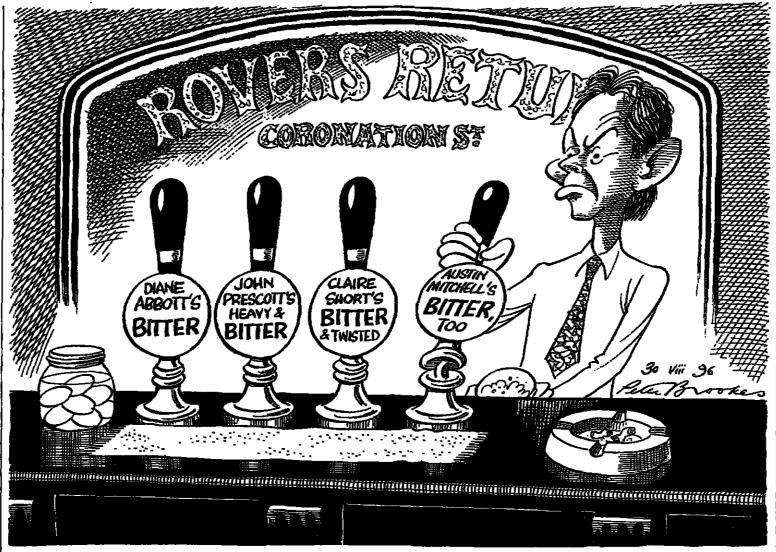
shown towards the Tory Government We now in the past few months, could reinlive in force it. The danger is that it can easily become a self-fulfilla raucous plebiscitary ing prophecy. If the political parties as-sume that rational political discussion democracy is imposible or wor-

thless, then it becomes so. (And keeping quiet will not save Labour. Charles Clarke, head of Neil Kinnock's private office during the last election, recalls in the next issue of Prospect magazine that the Tories' notorious attack on Labour's tax policy came before not after the publication of John Smith's shadow budget.)

ot trusting your activists is understandable, not trusting the electorate to make rational choices is a mistake. People sense the distrust, and do not like it. New Labour should be more confident. It has a coherent, if unglamorous, series of policies, which promise small but worthwhile reforms, especially for the losers from the past 17 years. If the party disguises even that small commitment to change it will be elected on a false prospectus and be hamstrung in office.

Tony Blair has done enough exorcising of the past. He has proved a fine leader of his party. Now people want to know that he can lead the country. This means making explicit what is at the unnegotiable core of new Labour. it means offending a few more people, and it means telling us all unpopular truths: that if we want unpolluted cities we will have to use our cars less, or if we want decent public services the better off will have to pay a bit more tax towards them. People do not want more policy details, they want a credible leader and the expectation that his government will make some difference.

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Burma's frail hope

year or so ago. I didn't think I would be writing about Burma again. But events have taken a particularly ugly turn. That iron feather, Aung San Suu Kyi, has made a speech.

Anyone who is interested in Burma's tragic fate will surely recall the one genuine election Burma has had, the overwhelming victory of the democratic slate at that election, the immediate annulment of that victory by the rulers of Burma - who, of course had never intended to abide by democratic rules - the brutality with which the democratic slate was put down, the numbers who were, at the behest of the Burma bosses, imprisoned, together with the good few who were murdered, and Aung San Suu Kyi (Daw Suu Kyi for short). who was overheard saying that a little bit of democracy might be a good thing for Burma, and was therefore confined for two years under the strictest conditions of house arrest, including not one visit from her husband, followed by another four years of house arrest in which she was allowed a visit to her

husband every six months. Once released, Daw Suu Kyi threw herself into the nascent Burma democracy, partly because Daw Suu Kyi's name had by then become well known, and partly because her husband is a British citizen and the Burma bosses feared to have her murdered. Indeed, by then her name resounded so far round the world that the brutal rulers of Burma were afraid not only to have her murdered, but even to stifle her voice. And her voice did resound, and many who lay in prison heard that voice and were comforted. But the most striking part of her work is its almost incredible generosity - a generosity that takes the form of never demanding recompense, never speaking an unkind word even about those who wish her gone, and never allowing her followers to speak in anger.

Take this, from a speech she made to the National League for Democracy, and remember that it is only a very short time since such speeches were banned: remember as well that it was Daw Suu Kyi who greatly helped to open the sluices.

We always talk about the rule of law and try to persuade the authorities to do what is necessary to bring about the rule of law. We always speak about how important the law is in a country and in a society. We repeatedly say that the law must be equal for all.

When Suu Kyi, the heroine of Burmese democracy, calls for sanctions, British

businessmen should follow her

We gather here because we all want democracy. When we say we want democracy, we are not referring sim-ply to a goal we want to reach. It is in fact a means through which we can bring about prosperity for our country. To further the peace and prosperity of the country is the reponsibility of the people in this country. The citizens of this country must first of all know their responsibilities, and then carry them out dutifully. Only such citizens can

build a democratic country. There are people both in Burma and abroad who doubt whether the Bur-mese are fit for democracy. But we believe the people have the ability. I want you to understand how heavy is the people's responsibility. Don't be nuraged by this responsibility. Don't be discouraged that some people who want to take up the responsibility don't get the chance. Whenever you get the chance, take it up as a privilege. I want people to understand that the greater is the test of the people's ability . . Our fundamental goal was to make

headway towards democracy. I want to see each one of you as our cu-workers and supporters. Never doubt that we re-

alise you are supporting our movement. Even if we don't get to you individually, I want you to know that we feel the power of your love every day.

I have stretched my space, almost to bursting, with this marvellous and immensely moving picture - a picture painted with a child's brush. I felt myself tiptoeing out of the room, in case I might break the spell. How blunt, how vulgar, does our democracy seem when we watch the children of oppression working out what democracy means - that democracy which comes from a much-fingered ten times table. Oh. we sophisticated folk who all understood democracy years ago - I tell you that those who are only now stering its intricacies will clutch it to their bosoms as though it were a precious jewel, as indeed it is.

But there are others, who delile the jewel with prisons and even killing.

And there are others yet, whose job is to pick over the rubbish-bins to see if there is anything useful.

I have said that the rulers of Burma are afraid to have Daw Suu Kyi murdered because she is now a world-renowned figure. Alas, Leo Nichols was not so well-known, and he died at the hands of the thugs of the Burma junta; his killers claimed that he had broken the law. And would you like to know what desperate crime Mr Nichols had commit-ted? He had had "illegal ownership of a fax machine". (That took me back through the years to when Brezhnev ruled Russia and it was a crime to own a typewriter, in case the owner had carbon-paper as well and could distribute subversive documents at

the rate of perhaps five a week.) There are international sanctions against the Burmese leaders, of course, but these are feeble, easily broken, and even more easily evaded. For the past few years, the EU governments, including Britain, have banned non-humanitarian aid, arms

> sales and defence assistance to Burma. Indeed, our Foreign Office Minister said plainly in the House of Commons that the Government is "carry-ing out our policy in support of demoeratic reform and

human rights in Burma". Enter one Peter Godwin and the Asia Pacific Advisory Group, which advises Department of Trade and Industry officials in these matters. For, heedless that our country is part and parcel of these very mild sanctions against Burma. Mr Godwin and his group effectively work against the policies of Daw Suu Kyi and others who are helping to make Burma a civilised state. These opposition leaders have begged foreigners not to invest in the country while it is ruled by a military junta. Instead of heeding that advice, the Group advises potential exporters and investors about opportunities" in Burma.

rights record" and is conscious of that, but it applies to countries around the world where we do business — you have got to have a sense of balance... I don't like some of the things they've done in the past, but things have been looking brighter in

was aware of Burma's poor human

So far from "things looking brighter", the horrors of Burma are becoming even more dreadful. Nev-ertheless, Mr Godwin claims that the opposition "flourishes to a greater extent than one realises": no doubt the "one" doing the realising was he, because the opposition is more and more brutally ground down. And he went further and worse: he actually brought the name of that tiny, brave, glorious creature Daw Suu Kyi into his shoddy words: she has, he claims, "weekend meetings and thousands turn up". So that's all right, then.

oney, money, money. I like it too, because of what I can buy with it. But there are things that I, and any ordinary person. would not stoop to buy. Oh. don't think that Mr Godwin is anything like a crook; he is nothing of the kind. I am quite certain that he has never broken any law, and would never do so. Indeed he tells us that he is the managing director of West Merchant Bank (there's glory!), and he also chairs the Myanmar-Britain Business Association (Myanmar is the official name for Burma) which exists

to promote business with Burma. Yes, yes, the usual words are dusted off, and used once more: Depriving Burma of trade will not help the Burmese people." But as a matter of fact, that worn-out excuse is simply false: depriving Burma of trade will bring the Burma junta closer to its fall.

PS. Birds of a feather. Those madmen who "role" Nigeria and who ordered the murder of Ken Saro-Wiwa (and very many others), are in no danger of being brought to book. You see. Shell, which makes tens of millions in Nigeria, was asked to pull out of such an evil place, rather than fruitlessly appealing for the regime to exercise elemency. But it rejected the pleas, commenting on the executions: We believe, as a multinational company, that to interfere in such processes, whether political or legal, in any country would be wrong." I Listen to Mr Godwin and every repeat: hirds of a feather.

Britpop wows the **States**

James Bone on

Oasis as a

fashion accessory

The Beatles' tumultuous arrival in America in 1964 is a fading memory for the "Baby Boom", generation who raved to the Fab Four's music in their youth. Many of the crazed tecny-boppers who tore out their hair when the mop-tops touched down in New York all those years ago are now mothers married to men who have little hair left. A generation on, though, their children are reliving the obsession with British pop, British fashion and just about anything connected to that far-distant era remembered as the "Swinging Sixties".

Perhaps American teenagers have been told by their parents at the kitchen table what fun the Sixties were: perhaps they complained at having missed out: perhaps parents even made the fatal mistake of warning against the decade's potent combination of sex and drugs and rock'n'roll. Whatever the reason, American youth is in the grip of nostalgia for a time it never knew and the Baby Boomers who lived through it seem only too happy to

repeat the experience.
It is Britain's fate to be a fashion accessory as America turns "retro". Britpop bands such as Oasis, now on its seventh American tour of the past three years, deliberately evoke the heyday of John, Paul. George and Ringo. The velvet hip-huggers and satin shirts of Carnaby Street are back in style. The skinny British-supermodel Kate Moss acts as the Twiggy of Generation X. Even The Saint is being turned into a movie.

Can The Avengers be far behind?

John Lennon's notorious boast, made on American soil, that the Beatles were more famous than Jesus Christ has a certain resonance today. For many teenagers in America, the Beatles' appearance on the Ed Sullivan show on February 9, 1964, before a television audience of 75 million people, marks the beginning of recorded time, the true start of the Common Era. When Bob Dole de clares in his stump speech that he fought in the war, most American youngsters imagine he is talking about the Vietnam War. The Second World War is so remote for them that it might as well have been something that Thucydides wrote about.

HEADS IN

Of course, America's obsession with the Sixties goes far beyond Britain. What else but a latent nostalgia for the Age of Aquarius could have induced those ageing Baby Boomers Bill Clinton and Al Gore to take the Democratic Party back to Chicago, the site of its disastrous convention of 1968? The influence of the Sixties can be detected in everything from rising drug use among the young to the renewed excitement about the American space programme, with its stepped-up search for life on Mars. But British icons are playing a major part in the revival.

landmark was the broadcast in America of the Beatles Anthology documentary last November and the release of the two Anthology double CD sets. The CD sold more than a million copies. proving that Americans will buy anything with the Beatles name, even if it has poorly recorded tracks that sound as though they have been retrieved from the studio floor. Now the American press is full of words like "Beatley" and "Beatlesque".
"Beatles" itself has made the canon of American dictionaries.

It used to be said in the drugaffected Sixties that you could see the music and hear the fashion. America's hippest designers have found in British youth culture of the period a mix of pop and style that seems to satisfy America's ever-vounger consomers. Tom Ford, the fashion wunderkind of the moment, has revived the Gueci label with designs he credits to Mick Jagger and Anita Pallenberg's 1970 film Performance. Anna Sui liked the Beatles Anthology so much she designed lucky charm bracelets with pictures of the Fab Four. Among others who have gone "mod" with their designs is the archetypal New

Yorker, Donna Karan. Along with the fascination for British youth culture of the Sixties &... goes a new willingness to accept the rude how hehaviour of young British stars. The heroes of the new trend are not the nicely polished Brits such as Hugh Grant and Emma Thompson who are perennially popular in Hollywood. They are bad boys, who don't speak proper English. Oasis's Liam Gallagher can miss his plane to America and denounce the press with four-letter words, and it all just becomes more exciting. Damien Hirst can cut up cows for the Gago-sian Gallery, and still his politically incorrect exhibit is the hottest show in Non-Year. New York. The adventures of a gang of Scottish heroin users in the film Trainspotting, all but incomprehensible to an American audience without subtitles, is touted as Britain's answer to Quentin Tarantino's smash hit Pulp Fiction.

It is very satisfying to be a Briton in America these days, especially if you have a faint trace of a cickney accent. Americans assume you played a central part in the 1960s cultural upheaval. But fashions move on. Oasis will draw of the fashions of the fashio Oasis will drop off the American charts. Psychedelic clothing will fade away. The latest "British invasion" will be turned back, like all the ones before it. And Americans will look for a new theme-park ride.

Turfed out

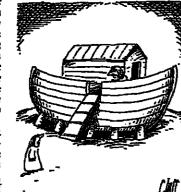
DIANA. Princess of Wales has been snubbed by the racing world. The ink is scarcely dry on her divorce papers and already her one recognition in the Racing Calendar has been scrapped.
It seems a cruel blow. Their

Royal Highnesses The Prince and Princess of Wales Challenge Trophy has been the highlight of the season for amateur riders at Lud-low since 1983, but this year's race on December 9 will belong to the Prince alone. The Shropshire course is congratulating itself on its swiftness in changing the way the three-mile chase is billed in its programme book. The wording has been agreed by Buckingham Palace. "When I saw that they were getting divorced. I decided that the best thing to do was to change the name. Otherwise it would have been embarrassing," says Bob Davies, the clerk of the course.

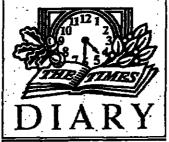
But this doesn't impress Nick Gaselee, the Grand-National-winning trainer who handled the horse on which the Prince had his first ride as an amateur jockey. also at Ludiow. "It's ridiculous. If someone dies they don't change the name of the race. There's the Empress of Austria Hunters'

Chase at Towcester, and she's been dead for a hundred years.

Others are more nonchalant about Diana's change of status. Despite the quick work of the English National Ballet in amending its notepaper to incor-porate her new title, two of her small band of remaining charities. Centre Point and Great Ormond Street Hospital, consider her as



"The flood warning went off by accident



royal as ever. They have no intention of removing her HRH until all their stationery has run out.

Director's cut

A QUARTER of a century after it was made. Sergio Leone's A Fist Full of Dynamite will be shown in a restored version at the Venice Film Festival today. Back in 1971 the director hacked off the final section in a fit of pique after a member of the audience left the auditorium during the preview. Leone made his drastic cut because he assumed the film was boring the viewers. Later he heard the man had only left to go to the lavatory.

• The current edition of Parliamentary Monitor, which lists forthcoming political events, has

the Sinn Fein conference down for

February 22-23, 1997. These dates. however, are "provisional".

Holiday job

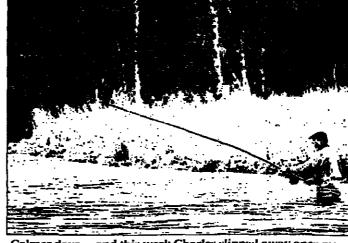
IN CONDITIONS of great secrecy at London's Vogue House, the ritzy is putting the final touches to a new title. It will be a British edition of Conde Nast Traveller, launched in America some ten years ago with Harry Evans, former Editor of The Times, at its helm.

Traveller is the fat cat of glossies. One of its correspondents was de-tailed not so long ago to visit every single beach in the Mediterranean and report back - an enviable assignment perhaps, but he doesn't like beaches.

Sub-editor

TERRY VENABLES may have left the England football team to spend more time with his lawyers, but as court cases crowd in, he is throwing hunself into his media career. The slick soccer magazine Four-FourTwo has signed him up as editor on a month's trial.

Venables has some literary form. In the 1970s he was co-author of a series of detective yarns notable for their stacrato style. "When FourFourTwo put the idea to me l



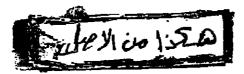
Calmer days - and this week Charles slipped away once more

was interested straightaway. It's a project I can really get my teeth into," says El Tel. This enthusiasm is hardly surprising. His other new job is to try to resurrect the fortunes of struggling Portsmouth.

Escapologist

PRINCE CHARLES may have allowed himself one little smile on D-Day. As his divorce came through, other members of his family were out and about on the

Balmoral estate, but the paparazzi had their lenses trained on the windows behind which he was said to be skulking. He wasn't. At dawn he had slipped out with William and Harry and his friend Tiggy Legge-Bourke for a jully day's fishing 40 miles away on the Spey. He found a quiet spot on the estate of his chum Major-General Bernard Gordon-Lennox, with whom he and Diana stayed shortly after their wedding.







CHINESE MYSTERIES

It is as if a whole new civilisation had been found in Wales

Archaeology creates open spaces for the mind through which fresh ideas flow. The surprises it springs can compel us to cast aside what we had thought were the settled answers to our remote historical past. So it is with China, the world's oldest continuous villisation and, thanks to the invention more than 3,000 years ago of a lasting system of writing, one of the most abundantly recorded. Today The Times publishes a special magazine to celebrate the opening on September 13 of the British Museum's enthralling new exhibition on The Mysteries of China, which this newspaper is proud to be sponsoring. It opens a window on an undreamt-of diversity, revealing ancient Chinese worlds whose existence was until recently unsuspected.

The astounding treasures unearthed in China's recent archaeological discoveries range from the neolithic era in around 4500 BC to the end of the Han dynasty in 220 AD. They will be displayed in Britain for the first time at this exhibition and have brought to light great unexplained civilisations, hidden for thousands of years beneath China's shifting windblown yellow earth and clays. In the spirit of the 8th-century poet Li Bai, who wrote that "time itself is a travelling guest of the centuries", ever subject to the discovering mind, these dramatic finds challenge our long-held views of China's cultural and political

For centuries, the settled view of the origin of Chinese civilisation has traced it to the highly organised Bronze Age culture of the Shang dynasty (1500-1050 BC), which arose in the middle Yellow River Valley in northern China. From there, with many interruptions as rival warlords fought for supremacy, it was thought to have spread slowly outwards over the next thousand years until 221 BC when, in the short but important Qin dynasty, China's First Emperor unified China as a culturally and politically homogeneous civilisation.

That civilisation is magnificently present at the British Museum, in glorious bronze vessels, elaborate jades, graceful dancers and haunting painted silks. We hope that they will delight and astonish visitors as much as did the Chinese exhibition which The Times helped to bring to London in 1973. But what they will also see this time is something quite new - rich evidence that in the Bronze Age, China contained not one, but many, highly organised and culturally sophisticated societies.

Towering 10ft-high over this exhibition is a compelling bronze statue, the powerfullycarved image of a god, king or priest of a people who flourished 3,500 years ago in a large and wealthy walled city at Sanxingdui in Szechuan, far away to the west of the Yellow River. The pit in which he was found was discovered by chance ten years ago. along with hundreds of ritually burnt and broken offerings in bronze, gold, jade, pottery and stone, by brickyard workers digging for clay.

Nothing resembling him, or the bronze heads and bird-laden trees buried with him, has been found anywhere else. It is a culture totally distinct from, but as magnificent as, the more familiar Shang cities of the same period. No written signs exist to decipher its meaning; none can tell what the giant cupped hands of the great statue once contained. As Jessica Rawson, the distinguished scholar who led the British Museum's planning for this exhibition, writes, it is as though "a hitherto unknown world had been discovered in Wales, completely changing our ideas about the Celts and the Anglo-Saxons". Even in death, ancient civilisations bring new life to our sense of ourselves. China's hidden wealth enriches us all.

HEADS AND HEARTS

Old Labour knows Blair is right, but it still rankles

Like a school assembly erupting into rowdyism when the headmaster is called away, the Labour Party has been going through its traditional holiday season of sniping at its absent leader. Now Tony Blair is back and the arguments - partly about degrees of democracy, but much more about hurt feelings, bewilderment and an unfamiliarity

with strong leadership — go on.

Austin Mitchell's article in this week's New Statesman encapsulates the dilemma of Old Labour. The Grimsby MP is a thoughtful man and should not be dismissed as a maverick. His analysis of how little power party members now wield in an era of what he calls "consumer politics" is accurate. But, as he acknowledges, "this is the way it's got to be, and the only way we'll win." He further admits: "Grown-up parties are about power."

Just like the Democrats in America, the Labour Party now has a leader who is prepared to cast aside old shibboleths if he senses that the country has turned against them. This may be a winning formula but it understandably an uncomfortable one for those activists and MPs whose hearts remain set on the old ideas. As Mr Mitchell confesses, Mr Blair's "instincts aren't ours. Yet he's in better tune with the new Britain than we are, and he's a winner."

Mr Mitchell is not alone in feeling, in his inimitable words, like a "squashed hedgehog on the road to the manifesto". The trouble is that, when party members did have power, in the past, they acted more like a roadblock to sensible reforms. So-called democracy at party conferences was actually a combination of rigged union block votes and a tiny group of fanatics.

Now Mr Blair has gone over the heads of both these groups to put his manifesto to individual members. It is no great opportunity for them: they cannot pick and choose between individual policies, and anything less than a striking endorsement would damage their own party's chances. But the Labour leader is right to conclude that his party needs less democracy not more.

When did the Conservatives last decide policy by reference to their conference? The motions selected for Tory debates are usually the most anodyne of those submitted. As the Tories have always known, the only people who should make policy are the front-benchers who have to implement it.

But just because Labour needs the smack of strong leadership does not mean that its members will adjust to it painlessly. And here Mr Blair has perhaps been too insensitive to the concerns of his footsoldiers, MPs as well as activists. The leader has surrounded himself with two men in particular - his press secretary Alastair Campbell and his adviser Peter Mandelson - who seem to relish offending and exclu-

ding others. MPs are only human, and when they sense that their leader is remote and that his cabal is unfriendly, they are bound to feel alienated — even squashed.

Mr Blair is attempting to address the problem among party members by holding large question-and-answer sessions around the country, starting last night in Manchester. He should make himself more accessible to his parliamentary colleagues too. Harsh discipline on dissenters may go down well in the country, but flattery, sympathy and a few genuinely warm words would go a long way at Westminster this autumn.

A SCURVY TRADE

Jardine Fleming has hurt Hong Kong as well as its investors

Jardine Fleming Asset Management, the oldest established investment bank in Hong Kong, has been deservedly humiliated. The Investment Management Regulatory Office, in levying a fine of £400,000 and additional fines of £100,000 for three London-based companies in the Robert Fleming group, has done more than express its anger at questionable trading practices, tolerated far too long: the judgment destroys the reputation of a pillar of the Far Eastern financial world. Jardine Fleming stands accused not of an

outright crime but of something that in the City is almost worse: negligence, cronyism and complacency towards the investors it claims to serve. The company is the offshoot of two mighty financial houses, Jardine Matheson and Robert Fleming, which have long prided themselves on their acumen and virtues. They can bear the cost of the fine better than the stain on their good name.

Jardine Fleming Asset Management has voluntarily agreed to pay back some £12.2 million to compensate customers affected by the abuses between 1993 and 1995. The parent company has issued a sweeping apology. Its defenders point out that it was the company itself which first drew attention to suspicions that Colin Armstrong, its former senior fund manager, was engaging in the late allocation of deals after the price of the traded instrument had changed. He benefited his own and favoured clients' accounts if the price rose and offloaded the instrument on other accounts if it fell. Since March the company has forbidden its traders to hold personal accounts. And it insists it has co-

operated throughout with the investigation. All this will cut little ice in the City or in Hong Kong. In London the question is why Jardine Fleming Investment was so dilatory in reporting its own suspicions, why it failed to watch its own procedures and why its directors failed to uphold the trust placed in them. To have its staff publicly named is bad enough; to have them banned from ever operating again could be the kind of blow which could eventually lead to the company's demise or takeover.

In Hong Kong, the judgment will be no less harsh. Many have not forgiven Jardine for its decision to move its corporate headquarters out of the colony. There will be wry smiles that the company which moved out because it thought regulation in Hong Kong too stringent has now fallen foul of regulators in Britain. But the greatest contempt will come from those who are fighting to ensure that Hong Kong remains a world financial centre after the Chinese

take over. There will be nothing then to protect the Hong Kong stock market except its reputation. China will come under pressure to allow stringent, independent regulation to continue, unhindered by political pressure or cronyism. But what moral leverage will Britain, or those in Hong Kong attempting to uphold the British-inspired framework, have if Britain's leading companies are seen to have acted corruptly? Jardine Fleming has lost more than its investors' money; it has squandered Britain's good name on the other side of the world.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Policing the law on child abuse

From Mr Jack Arthev

Sir, The Home Office's proposed legislation on child sex abuse (report, August 27) will send an important deterrent message to paedophiles and sex tourists. But the new law will prove difficult to enforce without increasing specialist police resources.

Australia introduced a similar law two years ago. It brought its first successful prosecution - for abuse of children in the Philippines by an Australian citizen — this year. Another prosecution began on Tues-

day (report, August 28).

Australian police officers play a pivotal role in gathering evidence for such cases and in liaising with local police. Australia has four such officers in Manila and seven in Bangkok.

Britain, by contrast, has no permanent police presence in Manila. When the Metropolitan Police wanted to track down Brett Tyler, one of the two paedophiles now serving life for the abduction and murder of the British boy Daniel Handley (report, May 17). they had to rely on two Australian police agents to track him to his

Philippines hideaway.

British men top the league of foreigners arrested for child-sex crimes in the Philippines, accounting for one in five (seven out of 36) arrests between April 1995 and April 1996.

Establishing a specialised police presence in this notorious haunt of British sex tourists would help to build on the valuable child-protection training provided by the Metropolitan Police to Philippines officers last

Yours faithfully. JACK ARTHEY (Head, South-East Asia Programme), Christian Aid, 35 Lower Marsh, SE1.

From the Executive Director of World Vision UK

Sir. The World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, meeting in Stockholm this week, has drawn attention to a problem that appalls all civilised people. The UK delegation's statement at the congress condemned such exploitation in the strongest terms and called for the abusers in overseas tourism to be "punished and punished severely". New British extra-terri-torial legislation is being introduced in the next parliamentary session. One important aspect, however,

seems to me to have been overlooked. Child prostitution in the developing world is directly related to poverty, which removes choices and forces families into desperation. Yet budgets for overseas development assistance are constantly being eroded. This is hard to reconcile with our lofty statements about child protection overseas. Therefore I call on all parties to increase their financial commitment to overseas development as they prepare for the general election. Yours sincerely.

CHARLES CLAYTON, Executive Director, World Vision UK, 599 Avebury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Clovis and France

From Dr W. D. Halls

Sir, In his article on Clovis (August 24) Ben Macintyre speaks of "the some-times active collaboration of the Catholic Church during the Nazi occupation [of France]".

Only a handful of the higher clergy

at the Liberation were relieved of their office for collaborating, in words rather than deeds, with the Germans. It is true that the Church did officially support the Vichy regime and its institutions, which were by no means entirely collaborationist, to the very end, largely out of loyalty to Marshal

Against this must be set the fact that Catholics shared with the communists the honour of being the prime leaders in the Resistance.

Yours faithfully, W. D. HALLS (Author, Politics, Society and Christianity in Vichy France, Berg, Oxford, 1995), 74 Hurst Rise Road Cumnor Rise Heights, Oxford.

From Mr Christopher Donaldson

Sir. Ben Macintyre's excellent article on Clovis did not refer to Clovis's charming wife Queen Clotilde. Without her intelligent, Nicene-based Christianity Clovis would have acted like a blockhead.

It was she who rebuked him for his love of the pagan gods and convinced him to become a Christian. Clotilde taught the Merovingians to

put themselves under the patronage of Martin of Tours. It was her greatgreat-granddaughter Bertha, with her Anglo-Saxon husband Ethelbert, who was instrumental in making the Angles Christian.

Yours truly. CHRISTOPHER DONALDSON (Author, Martin of Tours, Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1980). 13 Beadon Lane, Meriott, nr Crewkerne, Somerset. August 26.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Identity cards, privacy and the infringement of liberty

From Mr P. Tompkins

Sir, The fuss over national or European flags and symbols on the proposed identity card (letters, August 20 and 23) has provided the Home Office with a convenient smokescreen to obscure a much more serious issue - the security of issuing procedures and the seeming absence of effective anti-forgery safeguards.

There is no doubt that the identity card will be attractive to the organisers of illegal immigration and to other criminal elements. Its predecessor, the British Visitors Passport. was widely abused, both by the issue of documents to bogus applicants and through forgery and photograph substitution.

The misuse of national identity cards from elsewhere in the European Union has for many years been one of the main areas of attempted illegal entry to this country, a problem exacerbated where the would-be entrant has a common language with the issuing authority, eg, North Africans travelling on French identity cards. In many cases there are so many

lost" or stolen cards in circulation that forgery is unnecessary. Unless issuing procedures are secure, the UK identity cards will be compromised from the outset. It is worrying that the Data Protection Registrar appears to have misgivings about the reliability of the database which will direct the issue of the cards (leading article, August 19).

For the Government to defend the absence of adequate anti-forgery safeguards on the grounds that developments in technology need to be studied", defies comprehension. Holograms and similar devices are now widely in use in credit cards and travel documents. In addition some countries are already operating sys-tems involving the identification of unique physical characteristics, fingerprints, handprints and others. Whilst the case against this type of security feature on a compulsory card has been well aired, there is none whatsoever as far as a voluntary one

The Home Secretary might then

usefully go on to provide accelerated clearance through port controls for holders of identity cards, and negotiate reciprocal arrangements with other countries providing the same levels of security, thus offering an additional incentive towards applying for a card. Instead we appear once again to be about to sacrifice security

Yours truly. PETER TOMPKINS (Head of UK Immigration Service, 1981-91), 64 Dean Court Road, Rottingdean, East Sussex.

in order to keep down the cost.

From Mr Mycal Miller

August 27.

Sir, Mr Gerard Finan (letter, August 23) writes from his home in Germany: "... surely only people with some-thing criminal to hide need fear the police". The sad fact is that before and during the last war many innocent people in that country had much to fear from the police and would no doubt say so, had they survived.

Yours faithfully, MYCAL MILLER. 20 Hamlet Square, NW2. August 23.

From Mr John Power

Sir, I can but express my astonishment at Mr Gerard Finan's letter. I lived in Bonn, as he does, for over six years before moving to Brussels a year ago. I have been attempting without success to "de-register" from the City of Bonn's archives for a number of months.

The problem is that the authorities apparently require to know my new address abroad. I have nothing to hide. I am not a criminal and I do not particularly care who knows my address. But I find it distasteful, displeasing and downright inquisitive of the German authorities to want to know where I live now that it is outside their jurisdiction.

I have always prided myself in coming from a country where identity cards are naturally seen as anathema - and enjoyed every minute of explaining to German colleagues and acquaintances why this is so. Germany is the most regulated "nannyist" country one could imagine, with rules about when you may use your washing machine and when dogs are allowed to bark.

If the introduction of identity cards is about to take us down that road, then God help Britain.

Yours faithfully. JOHN POWER, Quai à la Houille 10 b 57, B-1000 Brussels.

From Mr Tim Odone

Sir, I lived and worked in Venezuela for five years in the 1980s where it was compulsory to carry an identity card (or, if a visitor, a passport). It was a criminal offence not to do so. Furthermore, without a card one was virtually a non-person: for instance you couldn't open a bank account, pay by credit card, obtain a driving licence,

enter into any sort of legal agreement. Without doubt an identity card was administratively extremely effective, but even after ten years of being back here the relief of being able to carry no documentation, and living without the fear of being stopped by the police to produce identification, is still immense and something we should fight to maintain.

Yours etc. TIM ODONE, Garden House, Kimpton, nr Andover, Hampshire. August 29.

From Mr David Gosling

Sir, Lost ID cards, complete with photograph, date of birth, and home address, will be of use to stalkers, rapists, paedophiles and black-mailers. The young, elderly and disabled will be at risk. Have the European governments given this enough thought and consideration?

Yours faithfully, DAVID GOSLING. 51 Bolters Road South, Horley, Surrey. August 27.

Lewis hits back

From Mr Chris Lewis

Sir, The last week has proved yet again to be a trying time in my cricketing career (report, August 26). This year has been, without doubt, my finest and happiest in cricket: I am thrilled to be at Surrey; they have my full support and I feel I have theirs. That in conjunction with my return to the England team and success against India filled me with optimism and enthusiasm for the game after a hip injury had kept me out of cricket for most of last year.

By being late for the warm-up before Sunday's play in the final Test against Pakistan, I let myself down, and of course my team-mates. This event was always going to result in some disciplinary action, and quite rightly so; but this is a matter for the cricket committee. However, the rumblings in the press and elsewhere that this has come at the end of a long list of other similar incidents are not based on fact. I was fined £80 at the

beginning of this season for being late for the first practice day of the one-day series against India, but this was repaid in the champagne I won as man of the match and man of the series. This was the only other disciplinary matter ever to be raised with me in over 75 Test and one-day appearances for England.

It is suggested that this week's events may herald the end of my international career. Thank goodness such rumours are the regular lot of nearly every player in nearly every

Today is the start of one of Surrey's most important games this season. We, as a team, are competing to win the championship. I intend to main-tain my good form of this season at county level and fully intend to justify my swift recall to the England fold for the winter tour.

Yours sincerely. CHRIS LEWIS, Surrey County Cricket Club, The Oval, SEII. August 29.

School league tables

From the Head Master of Westminster School

Sir, The Times, in common with many other newspapers, trumpets forth all kinds of statistics and deductions drawn from statistics about the performance of schools at A level.

In the case of this particular school, since those figures were published on August 23 (and Westminster was placed second in The Times's analysis), one boy has been awarded an A grade in biology where previously no grade was awarded at all because a module was lost by the examining board; another pupil has had a grade raised from E to B, another from C to B. because of what must be considered to be clerical errors.

It is immaterial that these changes might have affected Westminster's position in the table. More importantly, three candidates (and there must be more, not only in this school but in many others) have had their university places put at risk because

admissions tutors will have based their judgments upon incorrect information; and the figures and deductions offered by The Times are inevitably wrong.

The latter problem can be dealt with quite simply: must there be such a rush for publishing these league tables and commenting upon them? Since so many errors appear every year, school by school, can we not wait until greater accuracy is guaranteed? Then unleash your Education Correspondent, with less risk of potential error, let us say on a date early in September, when everything other than re-marking has been settled.

I also hope that universities can be prepared to be more charitable than they sometimes are with those candidates whose grades are changed as a result of immediate query or protest when results are received.

Yours faithfully, D. M. SUMMERSCALE, Head Master, Westminster School, 17 Dean's Yard, SW1. August 28.

Theatre enterprise From Mr George Murcell

Sir, Dr Alan B. Shrank (letter, August 19) praised the efforts of Derek Wharton and his Shrewsbury Concerts Coach.

Surely this activity should be encouraged and expanded. If Wharton can sell 10,000 tickets per annum by travelling to the venues of excellence within easy reach of Shrewsbury, why cannot this initiative be funded in, say, 30 other towns around the country? These would then have similar access to good entertainment and boost the box office in a great many other venues.

The Arts Council could do a lot worse than subsidise such an initia-

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MURCELL (Artistic Director), St Georges Theatre, Tufnell Park Road, N7. August 27.

Booing the Bard

From Ms Celia Parker Sir, If Mr John Harris finds the

theatre audiences in London a little too genteel (letter. August 26), he should visit South Yorkshire. Here in the provinces Shake-

speare's plays seem to be put on for the sole benefit of local GCSE and Alevel students, who are experts in the "rowdy behaviour" Mr Harris missed at the Globe.

Members of the audience over 18 have to catch what they can of the play over a constant barrage of shuffling, giggling, sweet-paper rustling and loud discussions of the more intimate details of teenage sexual

The Globe audience sounds bliss-

Yours sincerely, CELIA PARKER, 105 Abbeydale Road, Sheffield, South Yorkshire. August 28.

Rare butterflies

From Vice-Admiral Sir David Clutterbuck

Sir, Your report (early editions, August 22) that the black-veined white butterfly has not been seen in Britain since the 1920s may be incorrect.

While berthed in the East Cowes marina in the late 1970s I came across area of scrubby wasteground between the marina and the old gas works. There were dozens, perhaps hundreds of them. I recognised this striking butterfly at once because my father, Charles Granville Clutterbuck, FRES, had a number of them in his collection, taken by himself in the New Forest, I believe, around the turn

of this century. F. W. Frohawk, in The Complete Book of British Butterflies (1934), says that in some parts of this Continent this butterfly may from some mysterious cause, suddenly disappear for a number of years, and again make its appearance and become as plentiful as formerly". So it may prove not to be extinct in Britain after all. I hope so.

Yours faithfully, DAVID CLUTTERBUCK. Burrard Cottage, Walhampton, Lymington, Hampshire. August 23.

'Out of This World'

From Mr Andrew F. Wilson Sir, I don't think that anyone will find

that Out of This World gives scientific credibility to the paranormal (letter, August 28). But why should a television presenter such as Carol Vorderman, the epitome of cool logic, want to abandon her reputation by associating with it?

Yours faithfully, A. F. WILSON. 15 Richland Avenue, Coulsdon, Surrey. August 28.

All in knots

From Mr B. Gadd

Sir, The description in your caption today of "the Minato Maru tied up in Castletownbere" reminds me of my commanding officer, many years ago, when I was a sub lieutenant, who declared: "Shoe laces are tied up, ships are secured alongside." Yours faithfully.

BRIAN GADD. The Thistles, 16 The Shrublands, Cooden, East Sussex.

Still on course

From Dr Wendy Greengross

Sir, There is sometimes a long gap between action and reaction (William Rees-Mogg's article on smoking, August 26). I gave up smoking 45 years ago. My recent computerised medical check-up responded with, "Well done! Keep it up '.

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Yours faithfully, WENDY GREENGROSS, 2 Willifield Way, NWII. August 27.



COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE August 29: The Queen was represented by Mr Patrick Lally (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Glasgow, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost) at the Funeral of Mr David Donaldson (Her Majesty's Painter and Limner of Scotland) which was held in Glasgow Cathedral this

was represented by Sir Anthony Wheeler.

CLARENCE HOUSE August 29: Mr A. Webster today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother when Her Majesty, on behalf of The (Salisbury). Queen, decorated him with a Bar to the Royal Victorian

Birthdays today

Medal (Silver).

Mr Jonathan Aitken, MP, 54: Dr Barbara Ansell, rheumatologist. 73; Sir Harold Atcherley, former chairman. Toynbee Hall. 78; Lord Brain. 70; Sir Patrick Branigan, QC. former Attorney-General, Gold Coast, 90; Sir Charles Burman, former chairman. Tarmac, 88; Mr Allan Davis, theatre director, 83; Mr A.P. Dyer, former chief executive, BOC, 64: Mr Daniel Finkelstein, director, Conservative Research Department, 34; Mr Kenneth Gill, trade unionist, 69; Dr A.B. Gilmour. former director, NSPCC, 68: Mr M.R. Harris, company director, 74; Lord Healey, CH, 79: Air Marshal Sir Frank Holroyd, 61; Lord Keith of Castleacre, 80: Dr Jeremy Lee-

Potter, former chairman, British Medical Association, 62; the Countess of Longford, 90: Miss Sue MacGregor, broadcaster, 55; Dr Peter North, Vice-Chancellor, Oxford University, 60: Sir Peter Parker, former chairman, British Railways Board, 72: Mr John Peel. broadcaster, 57; Sir Henry Phillips, former colonial administrator, 82; Mr George Stevenson, MP, and former MEP, 58; Miss Pamela String-er, former Headmistress, Clif-ton High School for Girls, 68: Professor J.M. Thoday, geneti-cist. 80: the Very Rev Professor T.F. Torrance, theologian, 83; Sir Philip Woodfield, civil servant, 73; Miss Joan Woodgate, former matron-inchief, QARNNS, 84.

Presentation

Rotary Club of London Barnness Thatcher, LG. OM, FRS.

received honorary membership of the Rotary Club of London, the

first woman to be so honoured,

and an engraved glass bowl from Mr Bill Cowen, president, at her

offices yesterday. Mr Neville Shulman and a delegation from

The Right Rev Ross Hook

A Memorial Service for the Right Rev Ross Hook will be held at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, at noon on Thursday. September 19.

Davies Laing and Dick College

DLD is pleased to announce the appointment of Elizabeth Rickards as Principal of the College in succession to Peter Boorman who after 10 years as Principal takes on responsibility for Marketing and Development with the DLD

Appointments

Mr James Hodge to be Ambas-sador to Thailand from next month, in succession to the late Christian Adams Sir Martin Rees, Astronomer Royal, to be a Trustee of the British

Luncheon

Mr Jeremy Hanley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was the host at a luncheon given yesterday by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Mr Mohamed Lessir, the Tunisian Ambassador.

Legal appointment Mr John Joseph Patrick Powell to be a full-time Social Security and Child Support Commissioner

School news

Queenswood School begins on Sunday, Sentember 1. with Sally Smith as Head Girl and Pascale Perry as Deputy Head Girl. Performances of the school Knight will be at 7.00pm on Saturday. November 30. and 3.00pm on Sunday, December 1. Full details of this term's music programme can be obtained from the Music Department. The Carol Service will take place in \$1 Albans Abbey at 3,30pm on Sunday, December 15. Mrs Audrey Butler has retired as Headmistress and is

St George's School for Girls. Edinburgh
The Autumn Term at St George's hegan on Thursday. August 29, 1996, and will end on Wednesday. December 18. The Head Girl is

D'ARCY - Linda and Arthur are delighted to announce the birth of Francesca Louise, at The Fortland Hospital, on August 21st. A beautiful sister for Christopher and Laura, on Laura's 1st birthday.

DOSENSOM - On 27th August 1996, to Elizabeth (née Devail) and lain, a son, Edward Thomas Devail, a heuther for Alexander, Mary and Chiné.

GEORGE - On August 28th 1996, to Phillipa (néo Brown) and Paul, a son, Patrick William, a bayther for Eobert and Annabelle.

MARSON - On 30th June, to Marianne and Richard, in Brisbane, Australia, a son, Christopher, brother to

HOUCHEN - On 26th August 1996, to Emma (née Schleringer) and Julian, as son, Edward William Ashcroft, a brother for

DEATHS

Sarah Tullis, the Deputy Head the Head of Boarding is Mary Hewitt. Open Morning will take place on Wednesday, October 16. from 9.00am to 12.00 noon. The Old Girls' Association will hold its Annual General Meeting at 10.30am on Saturday, October 5, and the Parent Teacher Forum will hold an open meeting on The Curriculum from Nursery to University at 7.00pm on Wednesday. November 20. The Music Department will produce the opera The Bartered Bride by Sme tana in association with the Music Department of The Edinburgh Academy from Wednesday.
December 4, until Saturday.
December 7. The Upper School
Carol Service, taken by the Very Rev Gilleasbuig Macmillan, will be in the High Kirk of Edinburgh. St Giles' Cathedral, at 6.30pm on Tuesday, December 17.

Church news

Appointments The Rev Kathleen Batte, Assistant Curate (NSM), Newcastle St Gabriel (Newcastle): to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Wilford Hill St Paul (Southwell).

The Rev Helen Begley, Assistant Curate, Leeds City, and Chaplain, Leeds Centre for Deaf People (Ripon): to be Chaplain to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing People

The Rev Richard Cowles, Assistant Curate, Iffley St Mary the Virgin: to be Team Vicar (designate), Wheatley Team Ministry, with responsibility for Garsington, Horspath and Cuddesdon (Oxford). The Rev Timothy Edge, Assis-

tant Curate, Bedworth (Coventry): to be Team Vicar, Witney Team Ministry (Oxford). The Rev Mark Godson, Priestin-charge, Stalbridge (Salisbury): to be Chaplain, Forest Healthcare Trust (Chelmsford).

The Rev David Hazlewood Rector, Ipswich St Helen (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich): to be Vicar, Shirley (Winchester).

The Rev David Hodgson. Priest-in-charge, Hatfield, Broad Oak and Bush End. and Industrial Chaplain, Harlow (Chelmsford): to be Priestin-charge (Rector designate), Wokingham All Saints (Oxfordi.

The Rev Christopher Houghton. Assistant Curate. Southport St Philip and St Paul and Chaplain to Formby NHS Trust: to be Chaplain. Chorley and South Ribble NHS Trust (Blackburn).

The Rev Gary Ingram, Vicar, Coine Holy Trinity: to be also Rural Dean of Pendle. The Rev Robin Morrison, Principal Social Responsibility Officer (Derby): to be

Team Vicar, Southampton Team Ministry, with responsibility for Commerce and Economic Development (Win-The Rev Philip Murphy, Assistant Curate, Teddington SS

(London): to be Vicar, Leytonstone St Margaret w St Columba (Chelmsford). The Rev Brian Nicholson. Vicar, Colchester St John (Chelmsford): to be Rector. Church Oakley and Wootton

(Winchester).

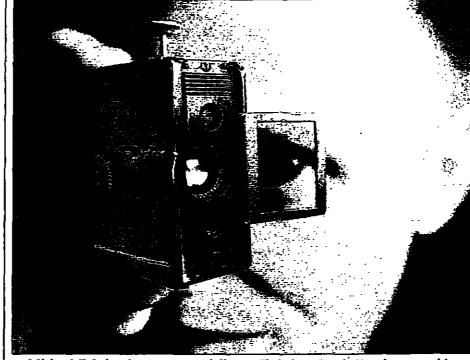
Peter and Paul and Fulwell

Anniversaries BIRTHS: Sir John Rennie, civil engineer. London, 1794; Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley, author of Frankenstein, London, 1797; Ernest Rutherford. Baron Rutherford of Nelson, physicist, Nobel laure-ate 1908, Spring Grove, New Zealand, 1871; Raymond Massey, ther, journalist, Chicago, 1901.

DEATHS: Francis Baily, astronomer, London, 1844; Feargus O'Connor, Chartist leader, London, 1855; Sir John Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1856; John Francis. sculptor. London, 1861: Georges Sorel, philosopher, Boulogne, 1922; Henri Barbusse, nov-elist, Moscow, 1935; Sir Joseph Thomson, physicist. Nobel laure-ate, 1906, Cambridge, 1940. The first trams began running in Britain, operated by the Birken-

head Street Railway, 1860. The vacuum cleaner was patented by a Scotsman, Hubert Cecil Booth, 1901. The evacuation to the country of

children from British cities began. The siege of Leningrad began.



Michael Pritchard, camera specialist at Christie's, South Kensington, with a miniature spy camera which sold yesterday for £5,175. The camera was made in 1938 and is painted yellow to look like a typical 1930s box of German matches

Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice

The following doctors have been awarded a Certificate of Prescribed Experience or a Certificate of Equivalent Experience issued by the Joint Committee of Postgraduate Training for General Practice. The certificate entitles doctors to hold positions as general practitioner principals in the NHS:

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Takhar GS, Tarn M, Taylor LPG. Thiruchelvam A, Thomas DM. Thurgood MC, Tillmann A, Toft MJ. Trivedi S. Turner PRW. Underwood AD. Urquhart R. Uttley WR, Van Den Braken CD. Van Der Horst JM, Van Loon NH, Van Schaik VHM. Verhaegh GTCM. Vidyavathi M. Vloemans AJJ, Vohra S. Vriend R.

Wainwright CJ, Walby C, Walsh EAM, Walters SM. Ward DW, Ward SC, Waterhouse ET. Watermeyer SR, Wedgbrow CS. Welsh L. Whiteley JD. Whiteley JT. Widders J. Wijnhoven JWM. Wilkinson HC, Williams JC, Williams SG. Williams GM, Williams IP. Williamson JC. Wilson JC. Wilson KG, Wood A. Woodforde CSJ, Woodhams RW, Woodhouse SJ. Wright RE. Wright LJ. Wulff DE, Wyborn AJN. Wylie EMS. Wynn PA, Yeung AMH, Young SM. Zurub AA. Zylstra HJ. ten

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.S. Bellamy and Miss L.A.E. Toms The engagement is announced between Haydn, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Bellamy, of Henfield. West Susser, and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Toms, also of Henfield, West Sussex.

Mr J.T. Chaston and Miss S.M. Ware The engagement is announced between Justin, younger son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Chaston, of Peterston-super-Ely. South Wales, and Stacey, daughter of Mr Weldon Ware and Mrs Suzanne Saathoff, of Kingwood, Texas,

Mr M.F. Clayton and Miss D. Gard

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The engagement is announced
between Miles, youngest son of Mr
and Mrs H. Guy Clayton, of
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Dr the Hon J.C.W. Marshall and Miss E.R. Cinnamond The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Lord Marshall of Goring and of Lady Marshall of Goring of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire and Esther, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Cinnamond, of Belfast. County Down, Northern ireland.

Mr R.J.R.B. Ward and Miss E.M. Thom between Richard John Rude Bangor, only son of Patrick and Eldrith Ward, and Elizabeth May, younger daughter of Derek and Janet Thom, of Cheltenham.

Mr A.D. Wells-Sheppard and Miss A.V. Younghusband The engagement is announced between Alexandre Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs Norman Wells-Sheppard, of Dubai, UAE, and Alison Victoria, younger daughter of Mr Peter Younghusband, of Bookham, Surrey, and Mrs Kay Donaldson, of Pulborough, West

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Mr D.F. Wheeler and Miss C. Marshall The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of the late Brigadier Guy Wheeler and of Mrs Wheeler, of Wambrook, Somerset, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Marshall, of Currie, Edinburgh.

Latest wills

William Allman, of Mollington, Chester, left estate valued at £2,216,538 net. John Reginald Barton, of

John Reginald Barton, of Winsford, Cheshire, left estate valued at \$1,797,655 net. He left £1,000 to the RNU: £200 to Mountain Rescue Services for Scotland and Wales; £200 to charity society or trust of trustees' choice: £250 to the vicar and churchwardens of the Parish Church of St Chad over Winsford towards publishing a modern edition of The Story of a Cheshire Parish; also £250 for shrubs or buibs for church main entrance. £250 to the vicar and churchwardens of St Mary and St Michael's Church of Burleydam. Cheshire.

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Stanorosure, len estate varued at E1.490,779 net. She left E500 to each of the following: Douglas MacMillan Home, Blurton, Stoke on Trent; vicar and churchwardens of Christ Church; Stone Branch of Si John Ambulance Brigade: St Mary's Home, Stone.

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POUND - On August 22nd 1996 suddenly but peacefully while on holiday in Scotland, John Frund uged 57 years. But shand of Frederica, father of Mitanda, Christopher and Jeremy. Funeral Service Private. Memorial Service to be amounteed later. Donations if desired for The Thames Vale Music Trust c/o Edward Carter (F/D), 107 South Avenue, Abingdom 0X14 105 plasses.

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BIRTHS BIRD - On August 23rd, to Miriam (née Farr) and John, a daughter, Philippe Alice, a sister for David and Michael.		on 23rd August at The Pantiles Nursing Home,	Service will be held 3rd September at St Nicholas'	elleen (wee and much Gillian and / of James an loving co Maureen. cremation
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GROOM - Squame, widow of Group Captain Alm Groom D.S.O. R.A.F., much loved mother of John, Gassma and Alison. Died peacefully in Shorehum on 28th August 1996 ages 22 years. Private funeral at Abingdon Cemettery Chapel on Wednesday 4th September at 3 pm. Enquisites to HJ.

SUPPRISE - Jose On August 23rd pescafully at Selvyn Village, Auckland, New Zealand, much loved aunt of Euth Stulton and Roger Parsons and Sister of Dephne (decessed). HEATH-PARDOE - On 22nd August, in hospital, May Victoria aged 77. A very dear and well loved friend. Service at Worth (Surrey & Sussex) Crematorium, Balcombe Road, Crawley, on Tuerday September 10th at 2.30 pm. No flowers, but do actions if wished for the RNL1 and enquiries to ER. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tumbridge Wells, East, fin1 15D, tel: (01892) 522462. h determination in the late e Rollo), devoted loved father of 1 Andrew, grandpa and Eleanor and companion of Service and o at Landican jum, Witral, on eptember 2nd at ally flowers only feel donations to Relief Macmillan Quinns Funeral est Kirby, Wirral,) 625-5274.

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DEATHS Michie - James Turnbul Michie O.B.E. suddenly, at ROOM - Bits Enth peecofully on Sunday 25th August aged 84. Funoral Service at St Johns, Woking Crematorium, Surrey, on Tuesday 3rd September at 12 hoon. No flowers by request, bur docustions if desired to the RAF Renevolent Fund, 67 Porthred Place, London WIN 4AE. Michie O.R.E. suddenly, at home in Edinburgh, on August 27th 1996, James, loving husband of Isabel and much loved father of Serena and James. A funeral service will be held in Wardle Church, Primrose Bunk Read, Edinburgh, on Monday September 2nd 1996 at 11am to which all friends are respectfully invited. liam to which all memos are respectfully invited. Thereafter a private cremation service will take place. Family flowers only may be sent to McKands & Miller, 83-89 Great junction Street Lefth

SALINGER - Grete on 28th August 1996, aged 101, peacefully at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, after a short Uliness. The Inneral service to be held at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, Loadon FWI1, on Trunday 5th September at 11.45 am. Family Rowers only please but donations, if dealined, to Association of lewish Enfugges in Great Britain, 1 Hampstand Gate, 1A Frognal, London NW3 6AL.

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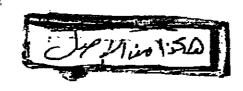
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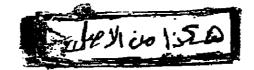
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THE VERY REV ERIC HEATON

The Very Rev Eric Heaton, former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, died on August 24 aged 75. He was born on October 15, 1920

ric Heaton's career was bound up in a remarkable way with two of the great institutions of our national life - the cathedral and the university. He occupied positions of responsibility not only in three sincient cathedrals (Salisbury, Durham and Christ Church), but in three famous universities (Cambridge, Oxford and Durham). With his appointment in 1979 as Dean of Christ Church. Oxford, he found an office to which he was ideally suited - one which combined the roles of dean of a cathedral and head of a college.

Eric William Heaton grew up in Yorkshire. He attended Ermysted's School, Skipton, from which he gained an exhibition to Christ's College, Cambridge. After reading English for Part 1 of the Tripos he moved over to Theology, in which he obtained a First.

It was a happy time for an aspiring theologian to be at Christ's, for Charles Raven was Master and Ian Ramsey was was at the height of his powers in lecturing on the New Testament When Eric married Dodd's daughter. Rachel, he was brought into an enduring relationship with the leading biblical scholar in Britain.

After a brief period of service in a Durham parish, he was appointed Chaplain and subsequently Dean of Gonville and Caius College and proceeded to make the Old Testament his special subject of teaching and research. In 1953 he was persuaded to leave Cambridge for some years to become Chancellor of Salisbury Cathedral and to guide further education in the diocese, but he returned to university work in 1960, becoming Fellow and Chaplain of St John's College, Oxford,

The next 14 years were altogether fruitful. His buoyant personality enabled him to establish easy and friendly relationships with dons and undergraduates, and his teaching of the Old Testament was fresh and stimulating. He wrote books which communicated the results of historical and archaeological studies in a lively way and, in 1974. produced his most original book, Solomon's New Men, in which he explored the role of the Schools in the training of a new breed of bureaucrat.

In 1974 he accepted the offer of the Deanery of Durham. His primary responsibility was within the life of the Church of the Northern Province, but because of the setting of the cathedral at the heart of the university his experience at Cambridge and Oxford proved of special value in his new

In the short period of five years, he was instrumental in strengthen-

ing the links between the cathedral and the clergy of the diocese, while the Friends' organisation expanded in size and influence. He wanted to open the cathedral to its flocks of visitors and saw ways of adapting parts of the building to their needs. He liked Durham, and his decisive leadership, combined with a friendly approach and a ready wit, was warmly appreciated.

In 1979 he became Dean of Christ Church, Oxford. He brought to the administration of his college his customary decisiveness and good sense. The reforms he instigated were characterised as much by their obvious desirability as by their novelty. It was, for instance, largely thanks to him that an academic committee was added to the many other governing body committees which already existed, while some of the existing ones were abolished or rationalised. And it was due to him that the Censor Theologiae, the dean's deputy in college matters, was a layman rather than a canon. But perhaps his most important contribution to the college was the way in which he helped a large governing body to reach sensible decisions amicably.

He was anxious that the college should acquit itself honourably in the academic field. But he was particularly clear that it was the job of a college to send into the world men and women who possessed clarity of mind, practical wisdom and an ability to recognise rubbish when they came across it.

Not least, he did much to make the college a cheerful place, thanks to his affability, his hospitality and his good humour. He and his wife made the Deanery a place of welcome for everyone from the most distinguished visitor to the lowliest undergraduate. Characteristically, one of his last actions as dean was to bring about the creation of the Christ Church Association, to foster a feeling of friendly community among former

members of college as well as

present ones. He brought the same qualities to the management of the cathedral. He did much to increase the efficiency of its day-to-day running by the appointment of a registrar: and he was able to reconcile the sometimes competing interests of the choral foundation and congregational worship. But above all he had a clear vision of the role of the Church. And this went hand in hand with his own academic inter-

Before he was appointed to Christ Church he had been due to give the Bampton Lectures in 1980 in which he was planning to discuss the School tradition in Israel. These plans had to be temporarily shelved but, fortunately, they were not forgotten. Heaton was eventually invited to bring them to fruition in the Bampton Lectures for 1994 and they were published as The School Tradition of the Old Testament.

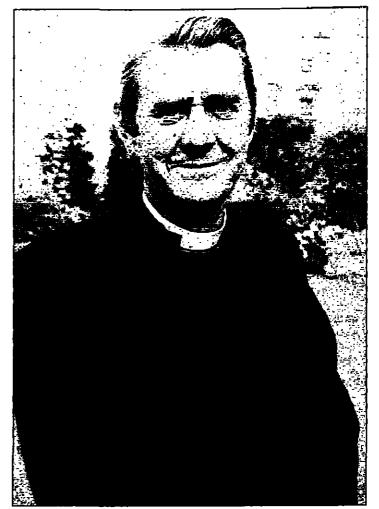
He admired the Schoolmen, not

only for their urbanity and sophistication, but for their vision of the relationship between our knowledge of goodness and our know-ledge of God. Our knowledge of goodness came first. It was through our natural ability to discern what is good that we came to our knowledge of God. He saw, then, the primary role of the Church as being to teach, or rather to assist, in the teaching of morality: not some esoteric morality which was peculiar to the Church, but that morality which we all have the ability to appreciate.

He was made an Honorary Fellow of St John's College, Oxford, in 1979, and of Christ's College, Cambridge, in 1983. On his retirement as Dean in 1991 he was made an Honorary Student of Christ Church, and was awarded the DD (Lambeth). In the same year he was also (to his great pleasure) made Cavaliere Ufficiale, Order of Merit (Italy). His publications include His

Servants the Prophets (1949), revised and enlarged as The Old Testament Prophets (1958); The Book of Daniel (1956); Everyday Life in Old Testament Times (1956); Commentary on the Sunday Les-sons (1959); The Hebrew Kingdoms (1968); Solomon's New Men (1974); and The School Tradition of the Old Testament (1994).

Eric Heaton is survived by his wife, whom he married in 1951, and by their two sons and two daughters.



ABRAM GAMES

Abram Games, OBE, graphic designer, died on August 27 aged 82. He was born on July 29, 1914.

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An austere, uncompromising man, he worked in a pithy visual shorthand which he summed up in his phrase maximum meaning, minimum means". His work first attained popular recognition during the wartime years in which, as Official War Poster Designer he produced almost

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one hundred images, one of the most effective and memorable being his design for "Your Talk May Kill Your Comrades". Games's picture showed a line spiralling from a garrulous soldier's mouth to stab three of his colleagues in the hack

However, apart from the war years, Games never appeared comfortable with institutional work and for most of his career, which spanned more than 60 years, he based himself in a studio in his family home in Golders Green, London. From there he produced numerous posters as well as stamps, book jackets and symbols, including those for the Festival of Britain.

Abram Games was born in Whitechapel in the East End of London. His father, Joseph Gamse, (the family made a neat transposition of the last two letters of its name in 1926). was a photographer from Latvia who had emigrated to London in 1904. His mother Sarah, nèe Rosenberg, was seamstress from the borders of Russia and Poland.

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He excelled at art even at primary school and, after attending the Grocers' Company School in Hackney Downs, he enrolled at St Martin's School of Art in 1930. But he was disappointed with the teaching there and, after just two terms, he decided to abandon full-time study and take evening classes instead. He worked for a while as an assistant to his father before going on, from 1932 to 1936, to work at the commercial art

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he was dismissed from the studio. His independent mind had not suited him to the job, and his boss finally sacked him when he found him fooling around, preparing to take a flying leap over a line of four chairs

During the next 18 months. Games promoted a freelance design career until, as a result of an article published about his work in the journal Art and Industry, he was commissioned to design posters for London Transport and the Cooperative Building Society. These commissions were soon followed by others from such leading organisations as Shell and the General Post Office.

With the outbreak of war, Games was enlisted as a private in the Warwickshire and Hertfordshire Regiments. But the design director of Shell had noted Games's talent and was to prove influential in his appointment to the public relations department of the War Office in 1941. For the next five years he worked from a studio in an attic in White-hall. His distinctive visual language emerged powerfully in his instructional and educational posters and his work was often uncompromisingly emotional in its impact, dealing as it did with such subjects

as the perils of unexploded ammunition or the dangers of careless talk. Some of his posters met a

certain resistance. The Army and Government, for instance, objected to his recruiting poster for the Auxiliary Territorial Service which was, they complained, over-glamorous. It served its purpose, however, since girls favoured the more attractive uniform of the WRNS with its black stockings. But other works such as his "Grow Your Own Food" poster — showing a dining table set above an allotment in which the garden spade and fork supporting it metamorphose into cutlery above the table — were to be remembered as typifying the era.

After the war, Games worked on designs to raise public awareness of issues such as Jewish Relief, displaced persons, and the spread of VD. But he soon returned to his freelance career, and found himself in demand by such companies as BOAC, Murphy Television, the Financial Times and The Times. For the last he did the famous "Top People Read The Times" series. But perhaps his most widely-known image was his symbol for the Festival of Britain in 1951 - the semicircle of bunting added as an afterthought, when the official view of the Festival changed from educative to festive.

In addition to graphic design, Games had a passion for inventing and over the years owned a large number of product patents. In the 1950s he devised a copying process which attracted interest from electronic companies. He was also the inventor of what is now a much sought-after design classic: the Cona coffee portable model. The original design of this, first manufactured in 1959, is still in production - now even in a gold-plated version.

Though television com-manded a large proportion of advertisers' budgets after the 1950s, Games's ingenuity remained in demand for symbols and logos. In 1957 he was appointed OBE for his graphdesign work, and this was followed by his appointment in 1959 as Royal Designer for Industry. He also wrote a book, Over My Shoulder, in 1960 in which his meticulous working methods were outlined.

Games married in 1945 Marianne Salfield, who died in 1988. He is survived by a son and two daughters.

SYLVIA FISHER

Sylvia Fisher, Australian soprano, died on August 25 aged 86. She was born on April 18, 1910.

THE Australian soprano Sylvia Fisher was one of the cornerstones of the rebuilding of the Royal Opera House company after the Second World War, specialising in the heavyweight roles of the German repertoire at a time when Isoldes and Brünnhildes were in extremely short supply. It was Covent Garden which made Sylvia Fisher and, in turn, it was her presence and loyalty that ensured that the house was in a position to mount several of the operas seen there in the 1950s.

She was a late starter. When she arrived in London in 1947 she was already in her late thirties, but fairly inexperienced in the theatre. She had only performed one opera role on stage, in an obscure Lully work, before she came to Britain: most of her appearances had been in concerts and lieder recitals.

However, this lack of pressure on the voice at the start of the career was almost certainly one of the reasons why she was singing until well into her sixties, notably as Miss Wingrave in Benjamin Britten's Owen Wingrave, composed originally for television and later staged at Covent Garden. She was born in Melbourne

and studied at the Conserva-

tory there with Adolf Spivakovsky. Her Covent Garden debut was in 1948, as Leonore in a new production of Fidelio. There was a certain amount of criticism beforehand that an "unknown" should be given so demanding a role. But Fisher's performance, alongside that of Schwarzkopf as Marzelline, was reckoned one of the better things of a moderate first night. Further evidence of the quality of the Fisher soprano carefully coloured and in-flected: the lieder training saw to that - came later in the season in another new production, when she sang the Countess in Le nozze di Figaro.

Covent Garden had taken a risk with her and it paid off. She became part of a generation of singers - Geraint Evans (who made his debut the same year as Fisher) and Adele Leigh were others who soon formed the backbone of the company. For the next ten years Sylvia Fisher was the leading dramatic soprano of the Royal Opera. She made foravs into the Italian repertoire (Suor Angelica) and was a notable Turandot in the Eva Turner manner. But it is for German opera and Britten that she will be chiefly remembered.

Her Marschallin in Strauss's Rosenkavalier was steadily refined by the conductor Erich Kleiber until it became an outstanding inter-pretation. In 1953 came her Isolde in a Tristan conducted by Barbirolli, where she easily outshone a generally modest cast. Not all the 30 or so leading roles she sang during this period were as successful: the girlish Agathe in Freischütz, for instance, was not for her. But she quickly



knew which parts to eject from her repertory.

During the Fifties she made a number of appearances in Italian houses, mainly in Wagnerian roles, but her career was essentially a British one. Sylvia Fisher's stern, almost

matriarchal features made her a natural for some of Britten's formidable operatic ladies. Lady Billows (Albert Herring) was one, and she sang the title role of Gloriana in a concert performance to mark the com-poser's liftieth birthday. Both contributed to a long association with the English Opera Group.

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Towards the end of her career, with the figure even more ample and some lines on her determined face, Sylvia Fisher specialised in fierce females, such as the Kostelnicka in Janáček's Jenufa, which she sang in Chicago, and of course Miss Wingrave for In 1954 she married Ubaldo

Gardini, who was to be Italian language coach at the Royal Opera from 1968 to 1980, but the marriage was later dissolved.

There were many flags at the half-mast in London yesterday in honour of the late "General" Booth, but at the Salvation Army headquarters in Queen Victoria-street the red blue, and yellow standard floated at the mast head. In this circumstance was expressed the attitude of the Army towards its Chief. He had "laid down his sword"; but his death was an

The army therefore did not bewail its lowered, and the Salvationists who followed

Beneath the triumphant flag, in front of the building which is the centre of the world-wide organization of the Army, the dead "General" awaited the homage of his soldiers. In an open car, drawn by two fine chestnut horses, the coffin reposed under the Army flag of red, blue, and yellow. Upon the flag were the "General's" cap and Bible. At each corner of the coffin was another Army flag upright, and at the sides were tall palms. In front of the car was an open carriage filled with magnificent white and red blooms - the wreaths of the King, the German Emperor, and of other

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The origin of the Salvation Army was the Christian Mission which William Booth 1829-1912) established with his wife Catherine (1829-90) in Whitechapel, east London, in 1865; in 1878 the mission adopted the title which is known throughout the world.

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London has seldom seen the like of this immense funeral procession. When it had slowly taken form on the Embankment it stretched from Blackfriars Bridge to Charingcross. The Salvationists marched six abreast. They were marshalled in 51 brigades, and nearly every brigade was headed by its group of banners and a band. The followers of the "General" came from every part of the kingdom to pay this last mark of affection, and from many foreign countries as well. There appeared to be as many women as men, and although all ages were represented, it was to a large extent a youthful procession.

The plain blue Salvation dress was gen-

erally worn, and the women had their quaint coal-scuttle bonnets and the men their peaked caps, with the red band always prominent. But there were many in the ranks who wore ordinary clothes and felt hats or cloth caps. There were not a few members also of the Navy and Army — sailors in blue and soldiers in scarlet or khaki. These, with some of the foreign officers and the Salvationist bandsmen, whose costume was sometimes strikingly bizarre, furnished almost the only patches of

colour in the procession.

Every Salvationist, man or woman, wore a cape or overcoat. The lines of cloaked figures with the black domed headdress of the women suggested the idea of a pious pilgrimage.

he dropping banners, the flagstaffs with their bunches of white ribbons, the cross entwined with the letter "S" which adorned some of these flagstaffs, would have been quite in keeping with a religious procession of 500 years ago. But the monks and nuns would have chanted as they walked; the Salvationists for the most part were silent, and the only music heard was the persistent blare of the bands, playing the "Dead March" ...

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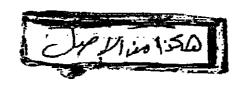
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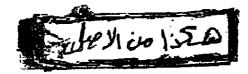
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The judges threw out an application by a convicted burglar for a judicial review. One of the judges described instructions to take into account time spent on remand in custody for every consecutive sentence as an "absurdity"......Page 1

Clinton aide forced out by sex scandal

President Clinton's seemingly effortless drive towards reelection was thrown off course when Dick Moris, his top strategist, was forced to resign. A supermarket tabloid, will reveal how Mr Morris, a 48-year-old married man, had had an affair with a \$200-an-hour Washington prostitute. Pages I, 12

Local hero

Tony Blair became the first Opposition leader to breach the portals of the Rovers Return when he was accorded the honour of a visit to Coronation Street

Eastern storms

Gale force winds, mountainous seas and torrential rain brought chaos to eastern England. Four lifeboat crews and an RAF rescue helicopter team braved ferocious conditions Page i

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Carlings divorce

The marriage of Will and Julia Carling has ended in divorce, it emerged 24 hours after Diana, Princess of Wales became a single woman. Mrs Carling blamed her husband's friendship with the PrincessPage 3

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Fringe loyalist parties should be expelled from multi-party talks at Stormont after paramilitaries threatened to kill two loyalists, said a leading Unionist Page 8

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■ Most rock bands go through a break-up and years of waiting before they hold a big reunion. Oasis have cut the procedure down to four days. Liam Gallagher, the lead singer who abandoned his colleagues 15 minutes before they left for a American tour, flew to join them. He said that they remained on cordial terms and caught up with them in Detroit.. Page 8



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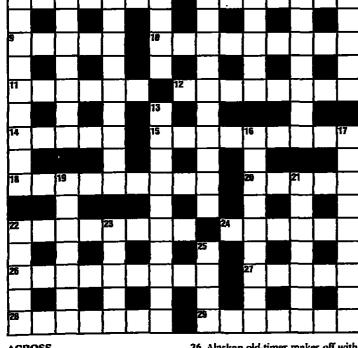
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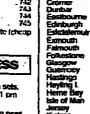
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